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Kowloon Dep.	6.35	8.00	9.05	10.05	11.05	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.30	5.40	7.45	
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.44	8.09	9.14	10.14	11.14	1.24	2.44	3.09	4.39	5.49	7.54	
Shatin Dep.	6.53	8.18	9.23	10.23	11.23	1.33	2.53	3.18	4.48	5.58	8.03	
Tai Po Dep.	7.10	8.35	9.40	10.40	11.40	1.50	3.10	3.35	5.05	6.15	8.20	
Market Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.45	11.45	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.10	6.20	8.25	
Fanning Dep.	7.25	8.50	9.55	10.55	11.55	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.20	6.30	8.35	
Shing Mun Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	11.00	12.00	2.10	3.30	3.55	5.25	6.35	8.40	
Sham Shui Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	11.05	12.05	2.15	3.35	4.00	5.30	6.40	8.45	
Canton Arr.	7.38	9.40	10.10	11.10	12.10	3.10	3.40	4.10	5.40	6.50	8.50	
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DOWN TRAINS

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BRITAIN AND THE DEATH PENALTY.

WHAT A SENTIMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS.

THE OPINION OF AN "ADVANCED" WOMAN.

According to the Home papers the report of the Select Committee on Capital Punishment makes quite good reading, but will not carry much weight. In the first place, no one can but hesitate to embark on so grave and hotly disputed a change in the law on the strength of recommendations signed by only eight out of the fifteen members of the Committee. A bare majority is not enough. In the second place, the eight have not presented their case in a very convincing manner. Surely if there ever was any provision of the law that ought to be discussed in a hard, cold and dispassionate spirit, the death penalty ought to be that provision. But Mr. Barr and his colleagues have given way to sentiment and, even worse, to poetry. They quote Shakespeare and Scott. They also quote a passage in dialect which appears to be by Burns and add: "This is borne out by the evidence before us." They remind us of Drago (who, they inform us, was Archon of Athens and published his laws in 621 B.C.), and that his decrees were said to be "written not in ink but in blood."

High Rhetoric.

They refer learnedly to St. Augustine, and the Emperor Julian, Bernard of Clairvaux and Wycliffe all

appear on the same page. Their conclusions, couched in a high rhetoric, are garbled by an excerpt from Victor Hugo. What all these gentlemen have said is not evidence, and that a report written in the style once described by Mr. Squire as the "See-how-many-authors-I-can-mention" style is not what was wanted.

The opinion of a well-known woman barrister who is a leader of advanced thought, Miss Helen Normanton, is also of interest. Miss Normanton writes:—

The Select Committee on Capital Punishment have presented a definite recommendation that Parliament should abolish execution by hanging for an experimental period of five years. They further definitely recommend that, pending the passage of such a law, the death sentence should be commuted by exercise of the Royal Prerogative, and that the penalty now attached to reprieved murderers should be substituted. In other words, a secret prisoner might be detained until death, a killer by sudden violence for a longer or shorter term of years.

The more things change the more they are the same, for the abolition of capital punishment for homicide would bring our nation back, broad-

ly speaking, to where we were before the Norman Conquest. Homicide then was no matter for the Law of Moses—life for life. The man's kinderred had to be compensated, and so had the king, for his peace had been broken.

Capital punishment, introduced by the Normans, extended itself to heresy by the great statute: Concerning the Burning of a Heretic; to treason; and finally to such a multitude of crimes that the Report reminds us that at the early part of the nineteenth century hardly a crime escaped the far-flung net. 7,074 people were sentenced to death between 1803 and 1818!

Ronald True.

Brutal severity defeats its own ends, and of this 7,074 only 908 were actually executed. Reprieves, trappings, benefit of clergy, and other modes of evasion operated largely. Concurrently, there was a passionate movement for the reform of the Criminal Law, a beneficent process which adorned the reign of Victoria.

Nowadays, the sentences to death are far fewer, but much more effective—between 1920 and 1929, 220 sentences of death were pronounced and 138 carried out. An average of nine per year were reprieved during that decade, nothing worse occurring than occasional bursts of annoyance, such as occurred in the Ronald True case. In Scotland, there were only two executions between 1912 and 1918.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(January 16.)

Cathedral Hall: Lecture by Mr. Bascom Johnson on "Social Work of the League of Nations," 2.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Not So Dumb."
World Theatre: "Knight of the Burning Temple" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Protection."
Central Theatre: "The Vagabond King."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Concert at Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.
Theatre Royal: 9.15 p.m. Lecture on "Conquering Fear and Worry" by Dr. P. Fennelly.
Taikoo Club annual ball.
European Mail—Inward: Europe via Suez (Kashgar). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Kashgar) 8 p.m.

Saturday.

(January 17.)

Queen's Theatre: "Not So Dumb."
World Theatre: "Knight of the Burning Temple" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Protection."
Central Theatre: "The Vagabond King."
Cricket.—Div. I.: Civil Service v. Kowloon (L). Indian R.C. v. H.K.C.C. (F). Div. II.: Kowloon v. Civil Service (L). Craigengower v. Recoire (L). H.K.C.C. v. Indian R.C. (F).
Football.—Div. I.: Navy v. Borderers, Club v. Royal Artillery, Highlanders v. Chinese, St. Jos. v. Recoire. Div. II.: Navy v. Royal Artillery, Recoire v. Chinese, University v. S. China, Club v. St. Jos. Borderers v. Highlanders, Eastern v. Kowloon. Div. III.:

Fukien v. Royal Air Force, R.A. O.C. v. Royal Engineers, Ewo v. Borderers, R.A.S.O. v. Chinese.

Theatre Royal: Dame Clara Butt at 9.15 p.m.

Prize-giving at St. Stephen's College.

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Sunday.

(January 18.)

Queen's Theatre: "One Mad Kiss."
World Theatre: "Love and Duty" Part I (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Desert Rider."
Central Theatre: "The Vagabond King."
Fencing Steeplechase Meeting at Kwantli.
Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

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part in the new fashions and they
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ways with diamonds and coloured
gems.

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brunette, pink, grey, and golden
pearls is varied with oblong beads
of red coral.

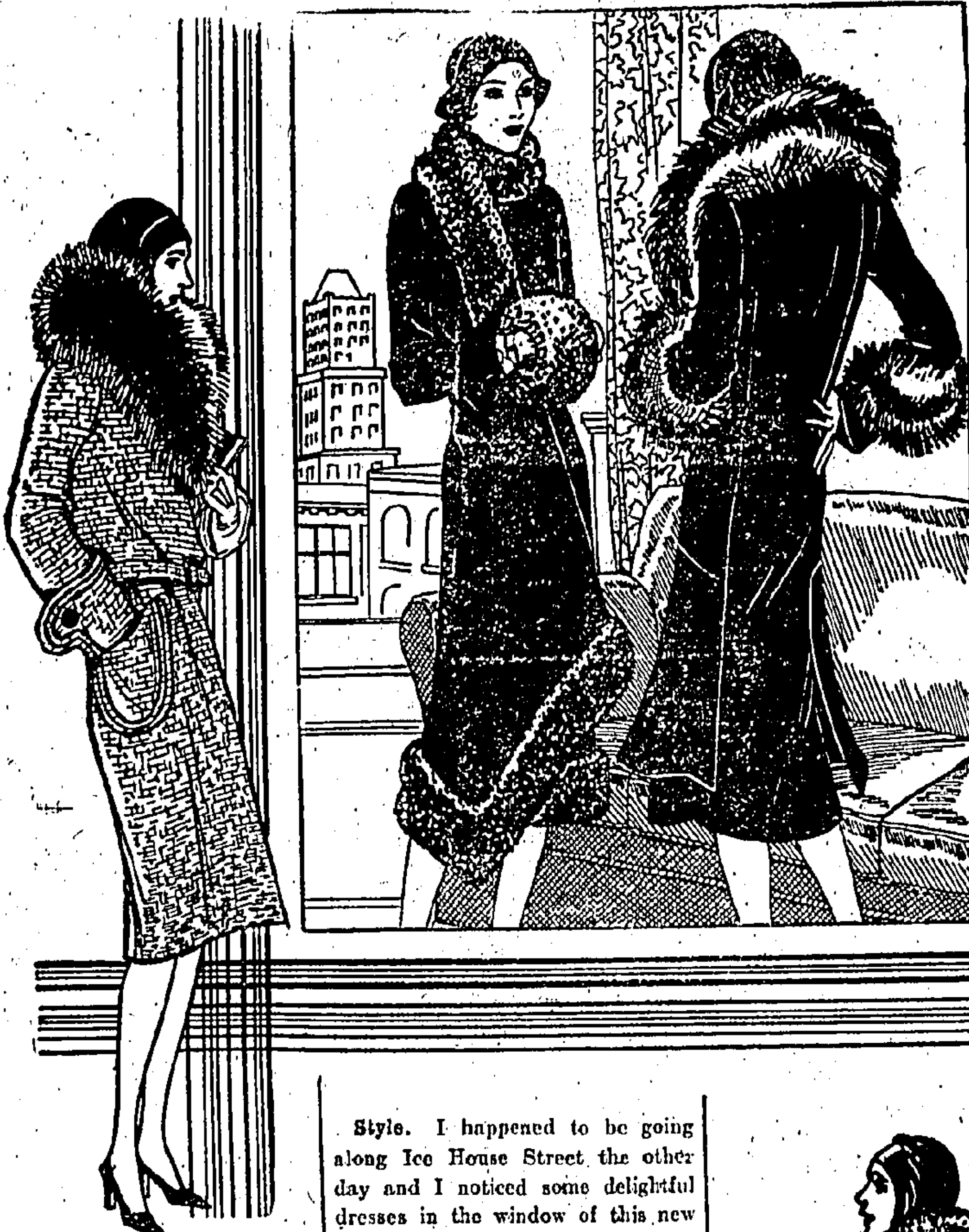
In another rather barbaric but
very beautiful suit, carved
emeralds alternate with pearls.

These new ornaments are design-
ed as an alternative to the popular
one or two string pearl necklaces
they are not intended to replace
them.

Pearl bracelets are to return to
fashion, and these will vary from
the simple twisted cable of seed
pearls to a deep cuff formed of rows
of large pearls.

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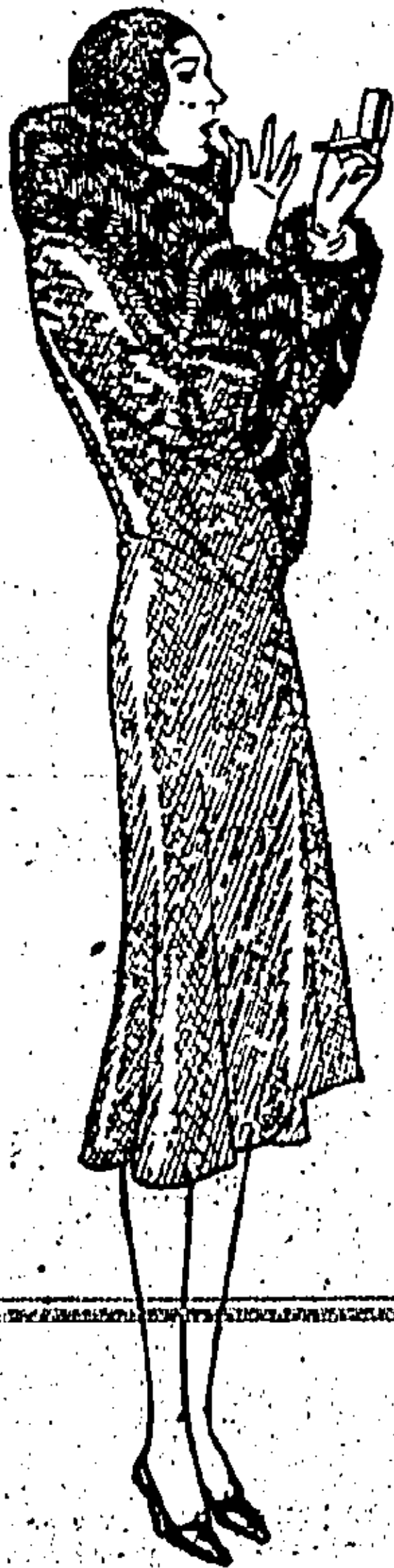
WINTER COATS: ELEGANCE COMBINED WITH COMFORT.



ROUND THE SHOPS.

(By "EVE")

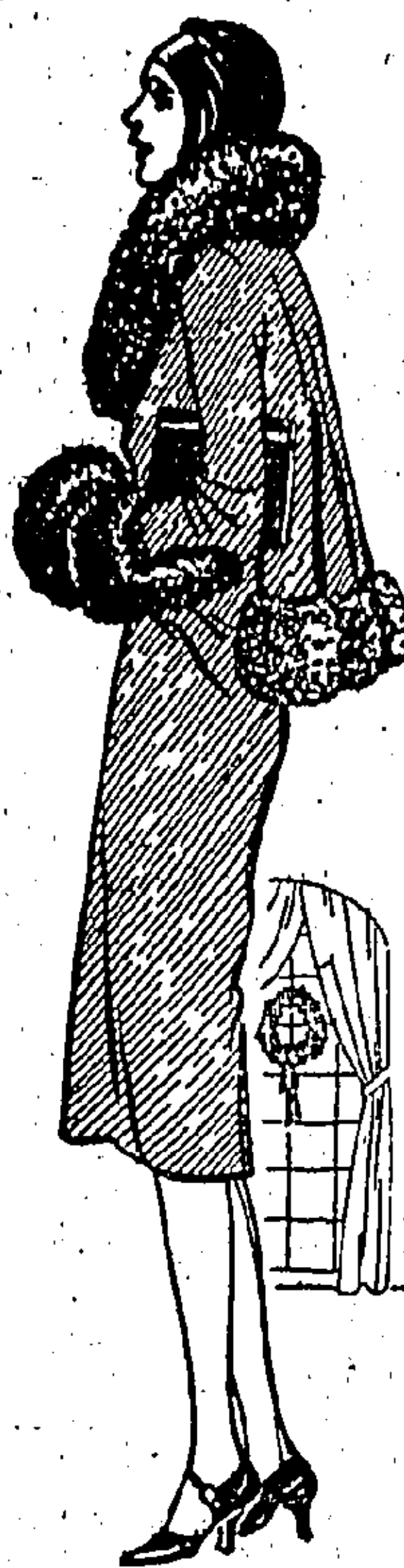
Lane, Crawford's. These lost few
days make you thank your stars
that fashion has given you nice
comfortable woolly frocks with
which to face the cold air. The
woman anxious to select smart
sports suits will find many models
from which to choose from the
varied collection seen at Lane Craw-
ford's. There are delightful one-
piece frocks, two-piece suits, and
many "Matita" three-piece suits
with contrasting sweaters. Some
of the knitted fabrics are made to
look like tweed, some are finely-
woven jerseys and some are in the
new popular openwork that is as
dainty as it is warm. Whether you
like solid colours or a myriad of
gay stripes you'll find your favourite
colour scheme here. Among these
attractive newcomers are plain jersey
dresses accompanied by fancy
knitted coats in two colours. A
"Matita" suit looked delightful in
coral and beige, the jumper is in
beige while the skirt and coat is
carried out in a mixture of coral
and beige. Another suit in a
checked tweed effect, is worn with
a plain jersey tuck-in blouse.



Style. I happened to be going
along Lee House Street the other
day and I noticed some delightful
dresses in the window of this new
and attractive little shop which has
just opened. On going in I was
shown some of the most exquisite
evening and day dresses. All these
are models from famous Paris de-
signers and are extremely new in
colour and line. Lace frocks are
fashionable, and the fashion is to
continue. Some of the prettiest
dresses seen at this salon are car-
ried in lace and satin or lace and
georgette; in most cases lace
coatees accompany them. A very
striking model is carried out in
lace and georgette in a pale green;
it is made on the princess line, the
skirt being rather full and ankle-
length, while the waistline is de-
fined by a narrow belt, and ermine
trims the coat at neck and sleeve.
Plain satin frocks for afternoon
wear are not only smart but ex-
tremely serviceable, so it is good to
find several of these included in the
new arrivals. Coats for the day-
time vary a great deal, both as re-
gards style and materials. I was
shown some very smart coats which
looked lovely with their collars and
cuffs of fur. I also saw some of
the latest felt hats—models from
well-known American houses. The
designer and dress-maker in this
salon has already commenced work
on some striking models and I
should advise a visit as soon as
possible.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.
The Winter Sale still continues at
this shop, where shopping is really
an easy matter. Here the sports
girl will find many attractive lit-
tle-bere, including chenille models
side by side with smart models in
felt and velvet. There is a special
line all marked at \$7.50 while
others range from \$10 and \$12. I'm
told there is not a hat more than
\$15—a pleasant surprise considering
the low dollar. One model which
I thought charming, was in black
felt with a tuft of white plumage
at one side. I also noticed some
pastel-coloured felts, these are the
famous "Mayfair" make, and are
ideal for spring wear, and I'm sure
quite a number of these light-
coloured felts will even be worn
through the summer. In any case
the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop is offer-
ing an opportunity for economic
purchasing which should not be
missed in these hard times.

Maison Marnac. Really chic
walking outfits are shown this week
at this salon. The dress and coat
of one model is in lightweight blue
tweed. The dress has a collar and
cuffs of fine white plaid had the
neck little cape about the shoulders
is a delightfully smart and becom-
ing addition to the coat. Fur trims
the coat, and is used in a number
of ingenious and becoming ways.
There are tweed suits, too, plenty
of them, each and every one of
which has the real distinction and
charm associated with the work of
a skilled dress artist.



Whiteway's. As from next Mon-
day, Whiteways are holding their
Annual Sale which is always popu-
lar. There promises to be a big
cut in prices on ladies' and child-
ren's winter wear which I'm sure
will help us to make the most of
our poor depressed dollar. Ladies'
cardigans, originally marked from
\$45 to \$65, are all down to one
price—\$29.50, and jumper suits from
\$47 to \$66 are reduced to \$35 and
\$45. All wool jumpers are priced
from \$7.50 to \$24.50, and are really
very good value these days. An-
other winter line in Whiteways
which is very attractive is the
chapel coat, a superior garment in
a variety of imitation furs. Some-
times they are very nice indeed and
hardly be distinguished from
the real thing. Real fur coats are
in very many cases beyond the
purses of the ordinary woman these
days of the 1/- dollar, and the
imitation furs just fill the bill as
warm and are, as regards price,
within the buying power of all of
us. These coats are being marked
down for the sale and will prob-
ably be readily snapped up.

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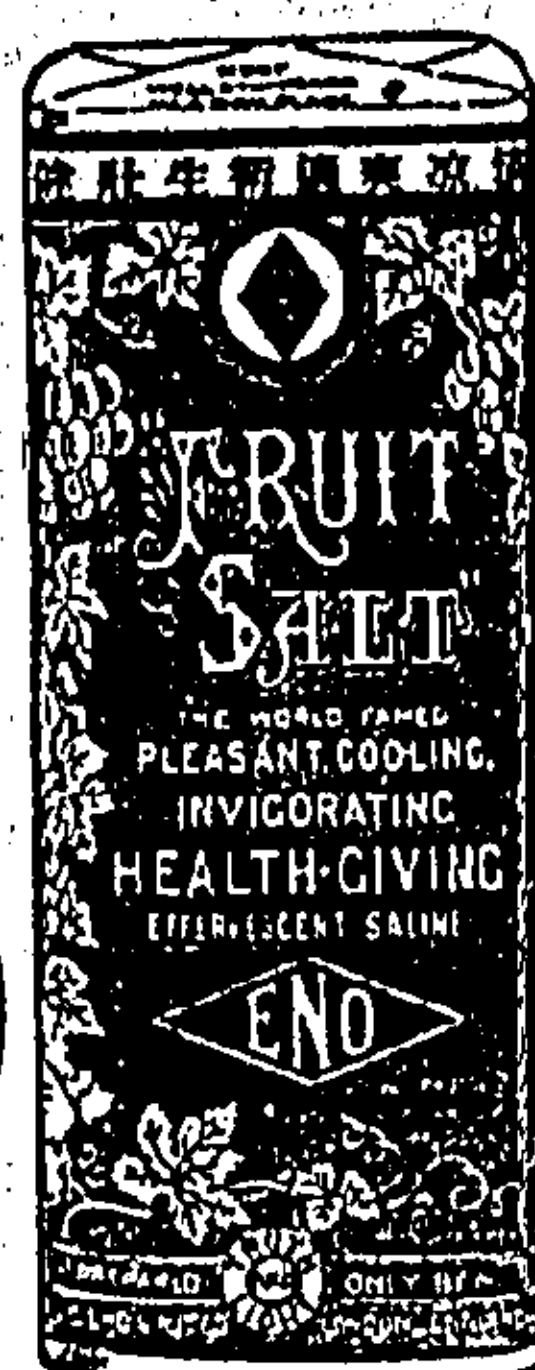
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Pamela. The lighter frocks de-
signed for afternoon parties in
Pamela's ready-to-wear salon are
attractive and varied. Frocks made
from delicate are accompanied by
short jackets of the same mate-
rial, while suits are accompanied
by really chic blouses. Flowers are
used in a variety of ways on even-
ing frocks and Pamela has impor-
ted a large selection of flowers for
this purpose. Sprays of delicately
tinted chignon roses looked lovely
placed on one shoulder to relieve
the sobriety of an otherwise all-
black dress, and a large bloom was
tucked into the narrow belt worn
with nine out of ten evening frocks.
Flowers used at the back of even-
ing gowns give a really charming
effect. Two huge shaded purple
flowers are placed at the apex of

the V-shaped back décolletage of a
purple chiffon evening dress and a
trail of gardenias is used to out-line
the U-shaped neckline of a black
velvet finish, giving a striking and
novel finish to elegant ensembles.

It is interesting to note that two
of our most widely used political
terms have been borrowed from
the language of primitive races.
"Caucas," by Disraeli to describe
Joseph Chamberlain's successful at-
tempt to organise the Liberal Party
on modern lines. It is taken from
an Algonquin Indian word meaning
to advise. The word was first used
in 1794.
and, long in use in American poli-
tics, has now been adopted by near-
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the Natick Indian "mugwomp,"
meaning big chief.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

THE ESSENCE OF SMARTNESS.



THE BOUDOIR CAP.

The boudoir cap is coming in again, not in the old fluffy guise, but as something very much more like a toque. Just as a good many night things—such as pyjamas—have been adapted for the day, so the boudoir cap is making its way into other departments of dress than those designed for the bedroom or the boudoir. The boudoir cap remains a cap in the sense that the American sailor hat is a sort of cap. Sometimes it is shaped like a forage cap and is worn with a smart tilt to one side. Sometimes it is more like the Russian head-dress. It also follows this vogue in the sense that it is often jewelled. Boudoir caps may be made of faille, in some pale tone, with the point in the front, and the faille may be richly embroidered with gold or silver thread with pearls in between.

Boudoir caps are worn as a complement to pyjamas and also with tea-gowns, which trail less than formerly and are kept within bounds by means of pleats. Some boudoir caps are made entirely of gold or silver tissue. Others are of white velvet, and these, with their

borderings of coloured stones, suggest a crown or coronet more even than a cap. Those caps which are made with brims are very much like the white American sailor caps. The brims have a jaunty appearance and the cap is worn tilted slightly backwards in deference to the new mode. Some of the sailor caps are made of white velvet or white faille and the brims are often heavily stitched or sometimes even very closely pleated to give an irregular effect. In some ways the theatre cap has merged into the boudoir cap, and the two are often interchangeable. These caps are really an antidote to untidy hair which is in the middle of growing.

"FACE" JEWELLERY.

BREAKS SEVERITY OF NEW COIFFURES.

At the moment the aim of the smart woman is to have a wide, straight brow, and she achieves this effect by cunning. The hair is either brushed straight to the sides from the centre parting and then brought down over the ears, where it is allowed to wave discretely, or it is parted on one side and the long piece brushed right across the top of the forehead before it is brought down over the ears.

Not all hair will lie where it is placed, and so a very light jewelled clip has been invented to wear in the evening. When the hair has been coaxed into the desired position the clips, which are curved to fit the head, are inserted one or either side just above the ears.

Although when once fixed these clips are immovable they do not tear or injure the hair. They are designed rather on the lines of the clip brooch and, being of platinum set with diamonds, are so ornamental that in the daytime they are often used to decorate a neckline or a coat lapel.

There are many other jewels designed to soften the rather more severe style of coiffure. The revival of earrings is one interesting departure. Some of the newest earrings designs have a large pendant pearl, or coloured stone, hung on a slender platinum or gold thread chain. The placing of a jewelled brooch on the underside of the hat-brim is another notion. All this "face" jewellery is extremely neat in design, and just helps to relieve the severity of the new coiffure line.



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But the things they do and the things they say 'Cause John's got another new tooth to-day!

'They peep in his mouth—oh, it's all very fine— But nobody bothers a bit about mine!

And the fuss they make about John's new hair, Though I can hardly see any there; I've got hair all over my head— Why don't they talk about mine instead!

When Baby John came here before They put him to crawl on a rug on the floor—

They left him there to be 'amused by me Just for a minute or two—or three.

So I crawled very quietly under the chairs, Just like I do when I'm play-in' at bears.

John was talking a lot about 'Goo' 'Goo' 'Goo' So I crept up close and I shouted 'BOO!'

They were so cross, and I don't know why— I didn't know he was going to cry. But nobody wants to be kind to me When Baby John comes here to tea.

THE OLD SPARROW.

LONELY BIRD ADOPTS ROBBER'S "ORPHANS."

The poor old sparrow had a bald patch on the back of his head. No one knew why or how it came to be there.

He was such a kindly bird, and never pecked or fought with any of the other birds, not even the greedy starlings who always took the food he put out for the little birds.

When the spring came round he laboured hard in carrying straws into a favourite nesting box which I had put for the tomtits in the apple tree; but he could not get any lady sparrow to share his cosy little nest.

We all took pity on him and encouraged him in and he made regular calls every day for food. His shyness soon wore off, and he would hop about the kitchen floor picking up crumbs in a most unconcerned manner.

About this time two martins came along and built their nests under the eaves. They worked very hard, and they had a long way to fly for their pellets of mud, as the weather was very dry. I think they must have been very proud of their nest, but to their dismay two lazy house-sparrows came and took it!

There was a fight, but the martins stood no chance, and had to give up their nest. The robbers reared a family in their stolen home; but eventually the parents got killed and two of the babies fell out of the nest.

Two babies were left. Our old sparrow had seen this, and he realised that here was his chance.

He fathered the two orphans and actually brought them in the kitchen for crumbs.

When the orphans grew old enough to look after themselves, they flew away, leaving their foster-father behind.

This was the end of Philip, as we called him, for during last winter our dear old sparrow disappeared altogether.

FROGSKIN—FOR SHOES.

Colour is one of the most important considerations in connection with footwear. This winter, in view of the vogue for black and white frocks and coats, black will be more prominent in shoes than for some time; but there are now as many different leathers in black as in brown, so that, even if several pairs of shoes are to be bought, each may be distinctive and entirely different from the others.

There is calf and matt dull calf, glazed kid and matt kid, suede, patent leather, lizard, python, watersnake, seal, crocodile, frog-skin, ostrich, roussette shagreen—a new variety, with fine, rough surface as well as many other reptile and fish skins and fancy leathers—all in black.

The dull surfaced materials are the more fashionable, and matt kid or suede is often combined with a reptile skin. The black is generally relieved with white or other piping.

Despite this wide variety of black shoes, probably more brown than black shoes will be worn. The darker and medium shades, such as chocolate, bulrush, beechnut, nightingale, and raisin, are still very fashionable. Navy blue and bottle green, pewter and red are other colours that may be worn.

The great thing is to ensure that shoes harmonise with the dress colour scheme. They are now an integral part of the ensemble, and must never be considered just by themselves. Where they do not match the costume they should be linked up with the handbag, hat, or scarf as a contrasting note.

Shoes and bags made of the same leathers, by the way, are a pretty and increasingly popular fashion.

BRITAIN AND THE DEATH PENALTY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

It remains to be seen, however, to what extent public opinion will support the entire abolition of what many people still consider a useful deterrent, the last sovereign sanction for the safety of human life. The retirement of the Conservative Members of Parliament from the final report is bound to have repercussions upon public opinion, and many will be found still to support not only them, but that kind of public spirit which now ferociously demands the appeasement of public resentment by "a life for a life."

Fair Trials.

My own opinion is of very trifling importance, but it might be of some small interest to state that before I became a barrister I had not the deep faith I now have in the fairness of trials; and I did believe in capital punishment. Now I think trials to be conducted usually with infinite fairness, and am deeply convinced that capital punishment is unsatisfactory.

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Courts of law can only judge on the evidence put before them, and if something be overlooked, omitted, or perhaps even excluded by the strictness of our evidential laws, results may be reached by the sheer woodenness of a formulated method of trial, which subsequent ages would emphatically not commend.

Nonsensical.

A sensible reform in our Divorce Laws would be far more likely to prolong the lives of threatened women than the threat of hanging to exasperated partners. At present the one reason a Court cannot listen to in divorce petitions is that both parties are alike anxious to be free. All this is very nonsensical and bound to lead to a certain amount of violent crime.

The abolition of capital punishment will be regarded by many people as a fearful threat to the safety of life. By others, abolition will be regarded as a great step forward in human progress and the care for the sanctity of all human life.

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AN ENTIRE NATION GOES GAMBLING.

THE GREAT SPANISH CHRISTMAS LOTTERY.

The drawing of the great Spanish Christmas-lottery took place last month, and in every one of the 45 branch offices where lottery tickets were sold in Madrid, the card bearing the fatal words "No hay billetes" (no tickets left) had been exhibited before November was over. And the same eagerness to try their luck must prevail among all Spaniards since the Central Lottery Office, whence tickets are supplied to the provinces, was already sold out on October 24, a thing which has never before happened at such an early date.

The Lottery Remains.

This record-breaking sale is the more remarkable this year because the political turmoil and the labour unrest, deep and wide though they certainly are, do not seem to affect seriously this most prosperous of State revenues. The Spanish Exchequer has derived a large and safe income from this source ever since the year 1763, when the National Lottery was instituted to assist a military orphanage. Kings may come and go; a republic may replace the monarchy; the lottery remains and increases yearly, in spite even of bad trade. Moreover, in this year's Christmas lottery the odds against prospective winners have been much increased. The number of tickets, increased by 20,000 last year, has been raised by 10,000 more without a proportionate increase in the prize money.

Yet, a full month before the draw, "no hay billetes"—no more tickets. And in thousands of homes throughout the peninsula and among Spanish emigrants in Europe and America who, through bankers or relatives, acquire a large number of tickets every year—these have been beating fast, looking forward to the fateful December 31 with rosy illusions and dreams of fortune.

The Ball.

The State Lottery is not by any means limited to this Christmas draw. It thrives all the year round. On the 1st, 11th and 21st day of each month Dame Fortune smiles on a few lucky ones, whose share in the State's booty serves efficiently to entice others to gamble. The biggest winner, of course, is always the State.

But the Christmas Lottery is by far the greatest. There were last year no less than 70,000 tickets (two series of 35,000 numbers) as against 50,000 in 1923, when General Primo de Rivera seized power. The State's clear profits in this draw alone amount to some fifty-five million pesetas as a minimum. The tickets sum up 140 million pesetas, against 85 millions in prizes, part of which is never claimed.

The Laure.

But people do not give much heed to odds and chances. They are fascinated by the eight figures of the first prize—fifteen million pesetas! and by the galaxy of consolation prizes—2,440 prizes in all, ranging from six million to ten thousand pesetas. And you may get a share of a ticket for as little as 40 or 48 go to the pound.

So practically everyone tries his chance. Clubs are formed, with a treasurer in charge of the ticket; benevolent societies sell low-priced shares in the streets, through old or blind folk who otherwise would be begging, charging a trifle over the price in aid of their charitable funds; shopkeepers distribute one-peseta "participations" among their patrons, and business men or office managers tip their staffs with a share in a ticket. At no other time in the year are thus built so many "castles in Spain"; no date in the whole calendar is so anxiously awaited by the whole nation as this 21st day of December.

The Gambling Virus.

True, it sometimes happens that some wealthy person who could risk two "big notes" on a whole ticket is favoured by blind chance, and sweeps off the coveted "Gordo" (fat one), the first prize is commonly named. This unpopular freak was played by Dame Fortune two years ago, when the Marquis of San Miguel, a Spanish grandee who lives in Paris a good part of the year, bought a whole ticket through his bankers and reaped the 15,000,000 bait.

Moralists, home and foreign, argue that, by trusting to Providence in the form of a lottery, Spanish people are losing their traditional grit. It is so much easier to buy a ticket and wait for luck to turn round than to work hard and count upon nothing but one's own steady effort. They will even go as far as to say that the lottery is a large agent in the political indifference of the people of this nation; and that Spaniards are wont to leave their civic redemption in charge of some political saviour, instead of winning it by hardy personal action.

WONDERFUL RED- HAired GIRLS.

[By OWEN M. GREEN,
who has spent nearly a quarter of
a century in the Far East.]

London fog and Christmas shopping have this in common, that both inspire the same feeling of helplessness. To whom must one send presents? What do they want? For how much can one decently get out? One is ashamed at the last, quiescent, but it intrudes. I saw a man appeal to a lady, a total stranger, whether she thought his wife would like a set of Irish table linen. One ought at least to know what one's wife wants.

My chief impression of a day's shopping is that red-haired girls are greatly on the increase. Of six girls at the sweet counter of a big department store, one was a real red (with dead-white skin and green eyes), two a rich auburn, one a blonde, the other two warm browns. I got interested, and searched the store for more redheads. They simply teemed, both among attendants and customers.

England Looking Up.

All over London I seem to notice an increase of girls of the sun tint. A few years ago scientists were lamenting the disappearance of blondes as a sign of declining vitality in the race. So perhaps England is looking up. These red-haired girls are not only very nice-looking, but appear thoroughly vigorous and self-reliant. One should not take liberties with any lady, but with one of these tawny Londoners! To "monkey with a buzz-saw" were safer.

Next, the enormous variety of attractive trifles one can get in England for two or three shillings. Even with the millions of customers, one wonders how such mountains of vanities can ever go off. Think of the scores of huge emporiums all over London, hundreds of high-class shops, thousands of the smaller, stretching away to the remotest suburb. And throughout the provinces much the same thing. How can these myriads of shops exist?

English cookery is an old bone of contention, but there can be no question of the supreme quality of the material. With an experience of several countries born of several years' residence abroad, I am sure that nowhere can you get such beef, mutton, game, poultry, fish and vegetables as in England, if one excepts a few specialties such as Siberian rabbit, Chinese bamboo hartridge and Virginian nutted ham.

Last and most abiding impression, the unapproached courtesy of the attendants. Long hours, with the endless "dressing" and tidying up, standing all through them, and the crush of Christmas customers, yet never a trace of impatience or ineptitude. Again looking back to those years abroad, there are no shop assistants to touch London's. I watched a young girl serving an old lady, who knew only that she wanted nothing that was offered; and the attendant's patience equalled Job's.

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This revelation is made in a book by General Janin, "The Downfall of Czarism," which was published recently.

The writer tells a remarkable story of the events which followed the tragedy at Ekaterinburg on July 16, 1918. After the execution of the Emperor and his family certain relics were smuggled to the Manchurian frontier, where they were handed to General Diterich, chief of Staff to General Koltchak for proper disposal.

Communist Pursuers.

General Diterich proposed to give them reverent interment, but Communist agents were hot on his heels, and he deposited the relics with General Janin.

"I carried the remains constantly with me," writes General Janin, "and eventually took them to France by way of China."

"On my arrival in Paris I approached the Grand Duke Nicholas, and asked him to arrange for the disposition of the relics, but he declared that such a procedure would embarrass him. My suggestion that I should hand them to the French Government was also refused, and protests from other members of the ex-Imperial family, and finally I secretly buried them in my family vault."

General Janin's family home is in the Dauphiné, in south-west France.

BAN ON HYPNOTISM.

CONDEMNATION BY PARIS
ACADEMY.

The Academy of Medicine, the leading professional organisation in France, has passed a resolution recommending the authorities to impose a ban on public seances in hypnotism, which are considered to have a very injurious effect on the psychological and nervous system.

Attention has been focused on the possibilities of hypnotism by recent reports of remarkable cures in England and Germany.

It was in October that Dr. William Brown told the Church Congress of his experiences. Dr. Brown is Wilde Reader in Mental Philosophy at Oxford and Psychologist at King's College Hospital, London.

Musician Who Lost Power.

"It would be a mistake to look upon hypnotism as something uncanny, mysterious and occult," said Dr. Brown.

He then told the delegates about a leading musician who had lost power of concentration and the power to compose. Under the influence of suggestion, he recovered the power to compose. He fell away again, but the treatment worked a second time.

Dr. Brown added that hypnotism was used only in special cases, and that a patient could not be hypnotised against his will.

Dr. Brown's work has been in private.

In Germany, on the other hand, mass hypnotism is being practised. At the Griesnitz Hospital, at Mahlow, near Berlin, men and women with mental depressions are treated in open-air classes. The

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"NOT SO DUMB."

In "Not So Dumb," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new starring vehicle for Marion Davies, which opened yesterday at the Queen's Theatre, King Vidor has provided the comedienne with the most vivacious rôle she has played, a sparkling vehicle that affords her wide latitude for her rare comedy.

The picture is an adaptation of the well-known stage farce, "Dulcy," by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly. It is Vidor's third picture with Miss Davies as the star, the previous two having been the exceptionally successful "The Patsy" and "Snow People."

Miss Davies demonstrates her vocal as well as physical versatility in the screen comedy, adapting her voice as well as her personality to the rôle of a blundering flapper who tries to run her fiancé's business affairs and almost ruins her romance as well as his bank account.

Elliott Nugent plays opposite the star and the supporting cast includes Raymond Hackett, William Holden, Julia Faye, Sally Starr, Donald Ogden Stewart, Franklin Pangborn and George Davis.

The music is contributed by Donald Ogden Stewart, who plays "atmospheric" melodies at a piano, while Frankling Pangborn gives a dramatic reading of a new scenario he has written for a "gigantic film epic."

"ONE MAD KISS."

A market scene, with all the picturesque quality of a turbulent Latin nation supplies one of the many colourful backgrounds for the first Don Jose Mojica, Fox picture, "One Mad Kiss," to be seen at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The square in front of the dictator's palace is thronged with men, women and children in typical Spanish costumes. In the market are all varieties of barnyard fowl, wine, cheese, pigs, goats and tropical birds, while tied to posts about the plaza are burros of the mountain folk who have come to town for their weekly shopping.

Mona Maris, former U.F.A. star, has the leading feminine rôle, that of a Spanish dancer. Tom Patricola, famous dancing comedian, plays the part of Antonio, Mojica's handy man; while Antonio Moreno plays the iron dictator whose tyrannies finally drive the people to revolt, led by Mojica.

MEN WHO LIVE ON THE DOLE.

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The problem of how to deal with the 400,000 people who do little work at any time but are able to satisfy the relaxed transitional conditions was mentioned at the first meeting of the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance in London.

Sir Francis Floud, the new Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, said these people were at present costing the Exchequer more than £22,000,000 a year.

There was also criticism of the scheme on the ground that it encouraged unproductive short working, facilitated arrangements by employers which led to the casualisation of labour, hampered industrial reorganisation, impeded the mobility of labour, and resulted in a system of subsidising wages out of the Unemployment Fund which was thoroughly uneconomic.

Mr. James F. G. Price, assistant principal secretary to the Ministry of Labour, said the unemployment benefit scheme was now into debt at the rate of £40,000,000 a year. The normal revenue was £45,000,000, and for the coming year the benefit paid was £107,000,000.

"That," said Mr. Price, "is a shortage of £62,000,000 on normal revenue. The Exchequer is bearing £22,000,000 of that outright by shouldering the cost of transitional benefits."

"The balance of £40,000,000 is being borrowed and will continue to be borrowed until some remedy for the present state of affairs is found."

The Obvious Way.

"Suppose," said the Chairman, Judge Holman Gregory later, "a man makes up his mind that he won't work, that he will draw benefits as long as he possibly can. Is there anything to prevent him?"

Mr. Price: "There is one outstanding thing, there is the offer of employment at the Exchange."

Judge Holman Gregory: "Have you considered whether any provision could be made which would prevent a man who gets himself out to live at the expense of the Insurance Fund from doing so?"

Mr. Price: "Well, if I may put it without saying it is a recommendation, there is one obvious way and that is to make the benefit dependent on the contribution paid."

GUN TEST AT INQUEST.

"MISADVENTURE" VERDICT ON SHOT SQUIRE.

Dramatic tests with a gun were made at the inquest at Saltwood recently on Mr. Reginald Lawrence Lawson, who was found shot in the grounds of his home, the historic Saltwood Castle, Hythe.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure," the coroner remarking that there was no evidence at all of suicide.

Walter Edward Skipp, Mr. Lawson's business secretary, said that Mr. Lawson, who was of cheerful disposition and had no worries, was making arrangements for Christmas.

When the jury were asked if there were any questions, one of their number said: "I should like to know why we are not allowed to view the place where this happened, and why this inquest has not taken place during the daytime instead of at night."

The Coroner: "That does not arise out of this witness's evidence. If you want to cross-examine the coroner I am afraid you will have a difficulty."

"Still Pull."

Police Sergeant Brooker, said that the body was lying on a muddy slope.

The Coroner: "Were there any signs of slipping? There were one or two signs, but other footprints had pretty well blotted them out."

The coroner then called for the gun, and after it had been cocked, banged the butt on the floor.

The same member of the jury who had previously asked a question then cocked the gun and pulled the trigger.

"It is not a hair trigger," he said. "The pull is very stiff. It is not a gun that will go off accidentally."

Charles William Churcher, a gunsmith of Ives, said the pull on the right trigger was three and a half pounds and on the left four pounds. He could not get the gun to go off by jolting it.

"The only way that gun can be fired," he added, "is by trigger pressure."

Mr. Skipp, recalled, said that Mrs. Lawson was unfit to attend the inquest. She and her husband were idly happy.

Mr. Lawson had recently had a motor accident in which a child was killed, but it did not worry him any more than it would any normal person.

PERJURY CHARGE AFTER DIVORCE.

BLACKMAIL PLOT ALLEGED.

A charge of committing perjury in a divorce suit brought by him against his wife and Sir Guy Selright—a 47-year-old baronet—with the object of influencing the jury to arrive at an unjust decision and improperly award damages to him" was heard at Bow-street recently against Henry Gladwyn Grayson.

Another charge against him was of perverting the due course of law and justice.

Grayson was described as an estate agent, 25 years old, of Marlborough-place, St. John's Wood, N.W.

Mr. Percival Clarke, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the case was one of considerable gravity.

The petition was presented by Grayson on October 20, 1928, on the grounds of the misconduct of Mrs. Grayson with Sir Guy Selright, of Beechwood Park, Marygate, Dunstable. Damages of £3,000 were claimed. In his petition Grayson swore that there had not been collusion or connivance between him and his wife. When the case was heard in November, 1929, it was un-defended and damages were agreed at £400.

Broke the Door Open.

Grayson swore that he was a commercial traveller, and that on August 31, 1928, he left home on business for Liverpool. He returned home unexpectedly, and asked his cabman to wait while he went in for some change. He went to his bedroom, but found the door locked.

He stated that he heard scuffling inside, and he called the cabman to help him to break open the door. When this had been done he found his wife and Sir Guy.

It appeared from the evidence, continued Counsel, that Grayson had been living happily with his wife, and that it was a terrible shock when their home was broken up.

Upon hearing that story the jury were so sympathetic that, although £400 damages had been agreed upon, they awarded Grayson £500, and a decree nisi was granted.

If the jury had known the true facts, said Mr. Clarke, instead of being sympathetic they would have driven Grayson from decent society as a person who had been living on the earnings of his wife for a considerable time, and who was simply blackmailing "this old gentlemen," Sir Guy Selright.

When the Telephone Rang.

Mrs. Florence Bennett, formerly a domestic help to Mrs. Grayson, said that when Sir Guy was expected at the flat, following a telephone call, "we all had to get on the move, and Grayson had to go out."

One occasion Grayson was in bed when the telephone bell rang. He dressed hurriedly and left the flat by the back way. The flat was then tidied up, and all of Grayson's clothes were put away. No man was supposed to be there. When Sir Guy came in by one door Grayson went out by the other. That happened several times.

Grayson, who pleaded "Not guilty," and reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Bail in £100 was allowed.

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Humorous Song—"My Lover" (from "King of Jazz").—Grace Hayes.

Song—"Love" (from "The Trespasser").—Gloria Swanson (Soprano).

Song—"Bide is the Night" (from "Their Own Desire").—James Melton (Tenor).

Humorous Song—"Lady Luck" (from "Show of Shows").—Chick Eador.

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"High School Cadets' March" (J. P. Sousa).—Sousa's Band.

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"A Hunting Scene" (Bucalossi).—Victor Concert Band.

"Patrol Comique" (Hindley-Lake).—Victor Concert Band.

8 to 9 p.m.—Concert Items.

Violin Solo—"Romance in F" (Beethoven).—Jacques Thibaud.

Song—"Zemire Et Azor" (The Wablers) (Gretzy).—Madam Galli-Curi.

Song—"Proch's Air and Variations (Proch).—Madam Galli-Curi.

Pianoforte Solo—"Prelude in A Flat Major" (Chopin).—Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Pianoforte Solo—"Prelude in D Flat" (Chopin).—Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Violin Solo—"Nocturne" (Tchaikowsky).—Renee Chertoff.

Violin Solo—"Minuet" (Haydn).—Hartmann).—Renee Chertoff.

Song—"Within the Tomb Forgotten" (Beethoven).—Feodor Chaliapin (Bass).

Song—"Song of the Volga Boatmen" (Chaliapin-Koenemann).—Feodor Chaliapin (Bass).

Pianoforte Solo—"In the Night" (Schumann).—Harold Bauer.

Pianoforte Solo—"Etude in D Flat" (Liszt).—Harold Bauer.

Orchestra—"Schubert's Love Songs" (Schubert. Berte).—Marek Weber's Orch.

9 to 9.30 p.m.—Professor R. K. M. Simpson, M.C., M.A., will give the first of a series of Shakespearean talks.

9.30 to 9.50 p.m.—"The Fire Bird," by Stravinsky. Introduction—"Dance of the Fire Bird."—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Dance of the Princess."—Philadelphia Symphony Orch.

"Dance of the Princess" concluded.—Dance of King Katschi.—Philadelphia Symphony Orch.

"Dance of King Katschi" concluded.—Berceuse (Lullaby).—Philadelphia Symphony Orch.

"Berceuse" (Lullaby) concluded.—Finale.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

9.50 to 10 p.m.—Waltzes.

Waltz in A Flat" (Brahms). "Minuet in G" (Bach).—Victor Orchestra.

Andante from "Orpheus" (Chopin).—Victor Orchestra.

Waltzes (Brahms).—Victor Orchestra.

10 to 10.30 p.m.—Experimental recording period.

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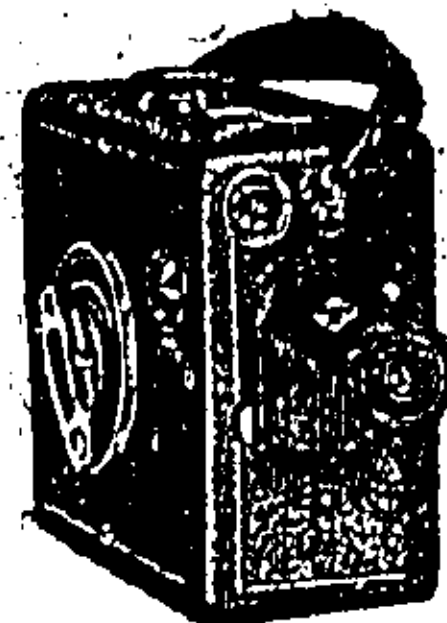
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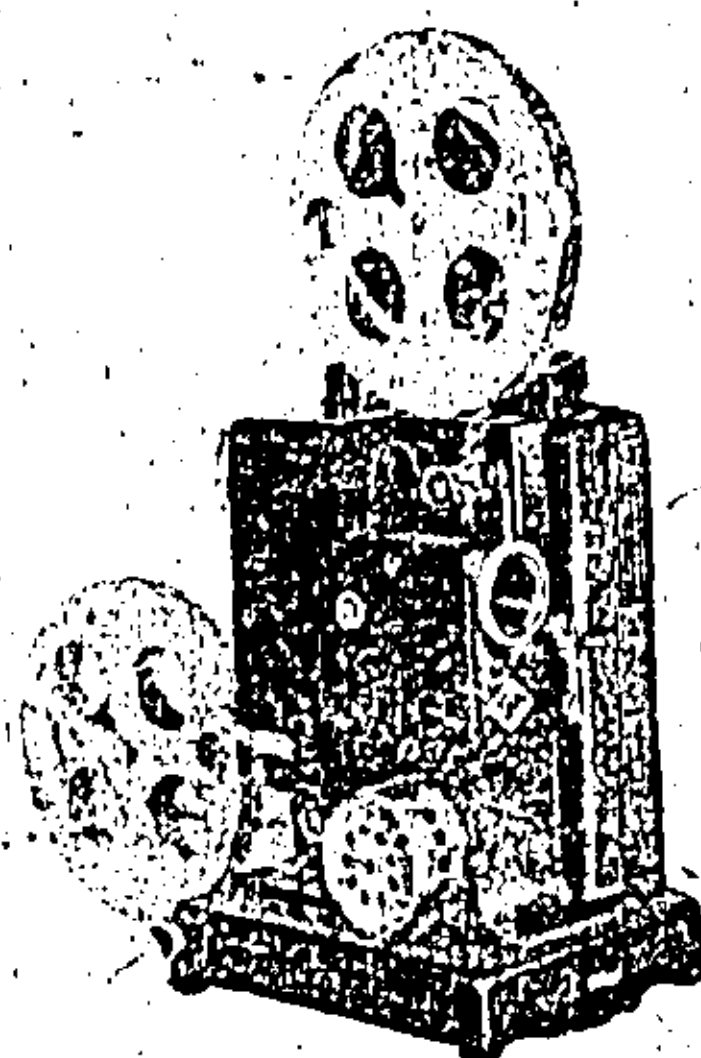
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DAME CLARA BUTT IN HONG KONG.

INTERESTING TALK ON PROBLEMS OF ORIENTAL MUSIC.

JAPAN, THE LAND OF TENORS AND SOPRANOS.

Dame Clara Butt, who is giving a concert at the Theatre Royal tomorrow night and another on Monday, arrived in the Colony yesterday morning by the s.s. Talma. She is staying with her husband and her niece at Repulse Bay Hotel, where I found her yesterday afternoon resting after the rudeness of the China Sea. She was kind enough to grant me an interview. "Do say," she said, "how really thrilled I am to be in China for the first time. As for Hong Kong I can only say what I suppose everyone else says, how perfectly lovely it is, I had no idea that it was so beautiful."

The real reason for the extensive tour of the East which has given us the opportunity of hearing this famous English singer in Hong Kong, is that Dame Clara Butt has arranged to make a series of records for the Columbia Company in the new factory in Tokyo. She set out early in the autumn of last year and has visited Colombo, Singapore, various places in F.M.S. and Rangoon, and in every place she has given one or more concerts. From here she goes to Tokyo and from there to Shanghai on her way to Australia. Africa, too, will be visited before she returns to England.

To Make Japanese Records?

I had heard that there was some suggestion that Dame Clara Butt should make a series of records of Japanese songs in Japanese, while she was in Tokyo, and asked if this were true. "I should love to do it," she answered, "but I don't know if I shall have the time, because it would mean learning something of the language."

A Long Entertainment.

From that our talk drifted into an interesting discussion of Oriental music, what is its future and how does it compare with Western music? "The thing is, of course," said Dame Clara, "that it does not compare, it is so absolutely different."

She described to me a visit to the Rajah of one of the native states of India on a previous tour; how having heard of her interest in Eastern music he hired a series of performers to entertain her. The "entertainment" lasted from early in the morning, all day, all through the night, until 5 a.m. the next day. "I thought I should go mad," said Dame Clara, "though it was very interesting at first. There appeared to be, she said, practically no variety of tune and on the whole the

voices of the singers were harsh and unpleasing.

One troupe of Bengalis seemed to have come under the influence of the West, and there were among them several men with very good tenor voices.

The Singers of Japan.

"But Japan is the land of tenors," she said. "I heard on Japanese records when I was in Bagdad both tenors and sopranos of absolutely perfect tone, far better than most English voices. I am not sure that some of them were not the best I have ever heard."

Fascination of Eastern Music.

"What is it that fascinates you about Oriental music?" I asked. "It is, I think, what is not really there," she answered. "One feels that there is something, if only it could be developed, their music is, of course Gregorian, and there are bits of Bach. It seems as if it is hidden, or half forgotten, as if there is something wonderful, if only one could find it. "But I do not believe," she added, after a moment, "that the man has yet been born who will develop Eastern music and carry it forward, as that of the West has been carried forward, improved and developed."

"But that is what one feels about so much which concerns the mysterious East; religion, art, social code and mysticism. Is there really something, latent, waiting for the genius who will bring it to fruition, or is it all a make believe, a reputation built up on sand?"

And those of the South Seas.

I mentioned the singers of the South Seas, and Dame Clara was all enthusiasm. "What wonderful voices they have," she said, "not nasal like most Eastern singing voices, and their music, too, is music with character and vitality."

Trials of Travel.

The tour has proved an extremely interesting one to Dame Clara, and she is full of enthusiasm and keenness to get the most out of it. The unavoidable trials and discomforts, although "maddening" at the time, have provided a fund of amusing anecdotes which she hopes one day to put in writing, and, with which in the meantime she is delighting the friends she makes wherever she goes. I was told of one deputy "maid" picked up in Rangoon, whose stupidity exceeded that of the most irritating of celestials. "When I asked for lip salve, she'd gave me a boot."

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TRADE-MARK CASE.

SMALL FINE FOR INFRINGEMENT.

The hearing was resumed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Butlers of the case in which Tang Kwai Sang is charged with having applied a trade mark very similar to a registered trade mark, to his own goods.

Mr. F. C. E. Reddall appeared for the complainant Kong Heung Po, who is the attorney for Wai Sui Pat, sole proprietor of the Yee Tin Tong dispensary.

Defendant, giving evidence, stated that the business of hawking medicines had been handed down from his grandfather.

They dealt in plasters only, and there was no change effected on the wrapper of the plaster, when he took over the business from his father. He had never heard of the Yee Tin Tong dispensary until two months ago. The plaster was manufactured by him and distributed in Macao, Canton, Hong Kong and other places.

Under cross-examination defendant said that his grandfather had never registered the trade mark and he also had not registered it.

Given one of his own plasters defendant said that it was mentioned on the plaster that it was registered with the Government. He denied having copied the trade mark of the Yee Tin Tong dispensary.

Mr. F. C. E. Reddall said that his client did not wish to press for a heavy fine.

Defendant was convicted and fined \$25, the magistrate giving an order that defendant's plasters and pamphlets should be confiscated.

WESTMINSTER GLEE SINGERS.

BOOKING OPENS NEXT MONDAY.

Booking opens at Moutrie's on Monday morning for the season of the celebrated Westminster Glee Singers, which begins the following Monday night, the 20th, in the Theatre Royal, with a different programme nightly, and the prices for reserved seats have been fixed at \$4, plus tax.

The Westminster Glee Singers last year made a series of gramophone records for the Parlophone Company and these have been meeting with remarkable success. Popular amongst them are the novel sailors' shanties, such as "Billy Boy," "Fire Down Below," "Shenandoah," which will be sung in the Hong Kong programmes. Interpreted on these records by the full strength of the sixteen beautifully blended 16 voices, these items make a remarkable appeal.

Mr. Branscombe expresses his views on jazz music and the baneful influence that American music is having on the country in no uncertain terms. He openly attacks jazz as being too tawdry to be spoken of as music at all and shudders at their mispronunciation of English. And his is not the lament of a disgruntled man, for

triumphantly successful in his undertaken, a public exasperated with too great a surfeit of rubbish having rallied round his performance to an extent most favourable at the box office.

RUMOURS ABOUT PROHIBITION.

IS THE COMMISSION REPORT COMPLETE? EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS LIKELY.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 9.—Indicating that the report of President Hoover's law enforcement and crime investigating commission is virtually complete, several members of the commission, which is headed by W. Wickersham, left Washington to-day.

However, another meeting of the commissioners has been called for Wednesday of next week. It is understood that at that time the report of the Wickersham commission will be approved by those who have been drafting it for well over a year and that then it will be submitted to President Hoover.

There are conflicting rumours. Some assert that various sub-committees of the Wickersham commission have yet to file their reports and that they will not be in a position to do so until next July.

Probable Recommendations.

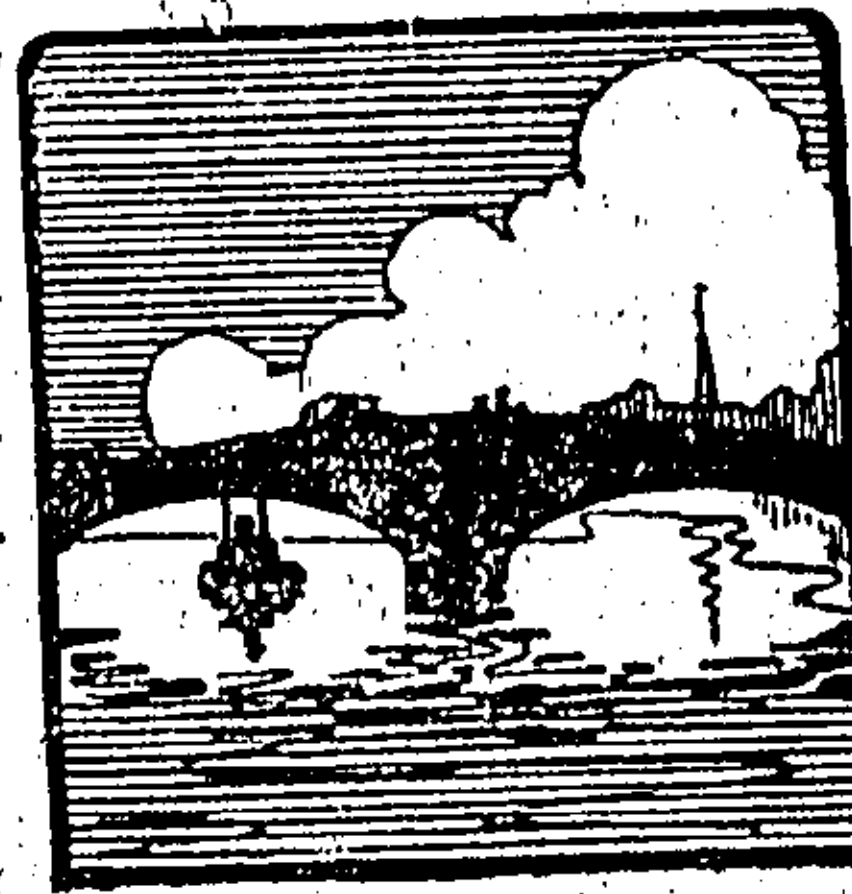
There is great speculation as to what recommendations the Wickersham commission will make with regard to prohibition. A great many predictions hold that the majority of the commissioners have already gone on record as urging a further trial of efforts to enforce the 18th amendment and the Volstead Act.

Considerable interest as to when the report will be presented to President Hoover centres about the fact that he has announced he will immediately submit it to congress, thereby precipitating a prohibition controversy and possibly making an extra session of congress necessary for next summer.

Observers here believe that at least another week must pass before the situation revolving about the report of the Wickersham commission is clarified.

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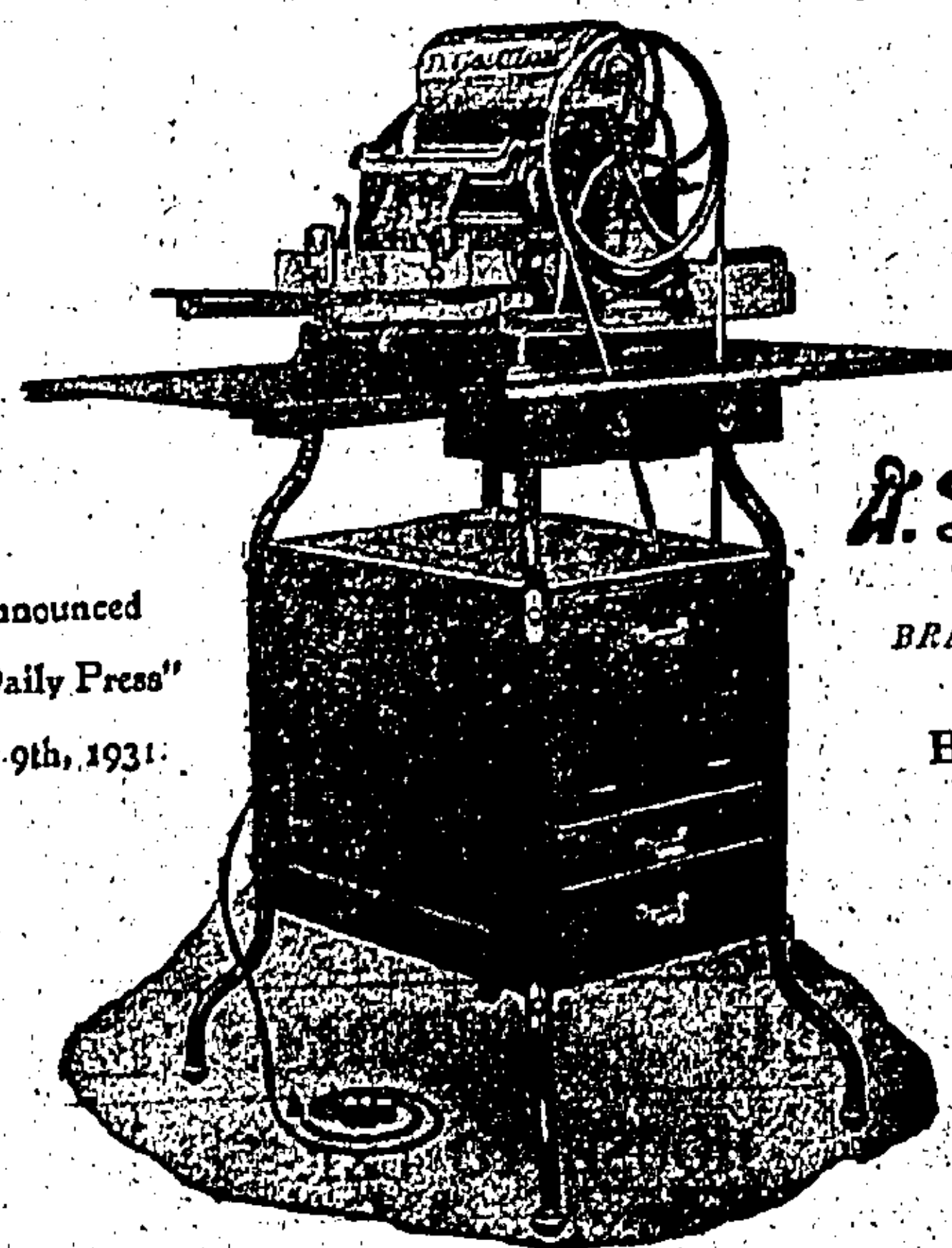
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ON BANK.****TWO CHINESE CHARGED AT
MAGISTRACY.****ALLEGED CONFERENCE.**

Before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged in connection with an attempt to cash two forged deposit receipts for a total of \$22,000 at the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation.

Mr. E. S. O. Brooks, for the prosecution, in outlining the case, said: "The facts of this case which are largely taken from a confession made by the second defendant made are as follows:—

In January, 1929, the second defendant lived at 46, Caine Road, where he was visited by a man named Yung, who is in the conspiracy but is not before the Court. Yung told the second defendant that he could find him a job at Amoy and the two subsequently left for Amoy where they stayed for four months. At the end of that time they returned to Hong Kong but on their way to Amoy the first defendant was introduced to the second defendant by Yung.

"A Little Enterprise."

On the way back from Amoy Yung suggested to the second defendant that they should start a little enterprise by making forged receipts. Three thousand dollars was wanted for the work, and on arriving in Hong Kong the second defendant handed Yung \$600 for this purpose and subsequently paid other sums which came to a considerable figure.

The first defendant came to Hong Kong during last year and remained at a Chinese boarding-house. On January 4 this year the second defendant went to the boarding-house where in the second defendant's room, he once more met Yung. The last named produced an envelope containing two deposit receipts, which were the subject matter of the charges. The first defendant is alleged to have been asked to cash them at the Equitable Bank and the second defendant was sent to keep a watch on him to see that he did not get away with the money after he had cashed it. Accordingly the second defendant stationed himself in Queen's Road Central opposite the Bank, while the first defendant went into the Bank to present the receipts.

Forgery "Spotted."

Mr. Brooks went on to say that when the receipts were presented at the bank, the forgery was discovered and the first defendant was arrested. Later the second defendant was traced and arrested.

Evidence given by employees of the bank showed that the deposit receipts were "spotted" as soon as they were presented owing to flaws in the colour of the documents, the signature and in one case the numbers.

Sergeant MacDonald, in the witness-box, produced what was described as a written voluntary confession of the second defendant. Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, who appeared for the defence of the second defendant, after reading the document produced, remarked that he would have to consult his client on the matter and would either plead "guilty" at the next hearing or retire from the case.

The defendants will be brought before the Court on Saturday morning.

**TWO WOMEN
STOWAWAYS.****TO WORK THEIR PASSAGE
LIKE MEN.**

"Make 'em scour the paint," said the skipper.

"Or darn and mend," recommended the chief officer.

"Or wash up," urged the chief steward.

It was a conference on a high question of sea policy, namely what steps should be taken to discourage women stowaways on Atlantic liners.

Not mark you, romantic girls who had been reading Mr. Masfield's "Sea Fever," but sober matrons, who, in the opinion of all good seamen, should certainly know better at their age.

A woman stowaway used to be such a novelty that she was treated gently, even ceremoniously. Now, however, she is too common to draw a welcoming smile from even the most gallant skipper.

On a late voyage from Southampton the Lovinthan carried two such stowaways. One was a teacher from Texas who sought a free voyage to Europe and back. The other was a middle-aged woman from Detroit who had been involved in some obscure dispute with her British mother-in-law.

"Two more! That's the limit," exploded the shipping company when they heard the story.

No more such give treatment to women stowaways. In future they'll have to work their passages just like men.

So that is why the ships' officers chivalrous though they be, are wrinkling their brows over the problem of finding jobs "sufficiently discouraging."

BELILIOS SCHOOL.**ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF
PRIZES.****HIGHER AIM OF EDUCATION
STRESSED.**

A successful year's work was reported at the Belilios Public School when the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow presided yesterday at the distribution of prizes. Mr. G. P. de Martin (Director of Education) was among the large gathering present.

The report presented by Miss H. Florence Skinner (headmistress), after dealing with changes in staff and the routine work of the school, stated that the Victoria Nursing Division was still under the very able control of Miss Hwang. At the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Division won the Ho Kom Tong Shield for general efficiency. His Excellency congratulated the Division on being the first to have their name inscribed on the Shield. A course of lectures was given by Dr. Ruttonjee in the latter half of the year. Ten members were examined in first aid and home nursing and all passed. The Division took part in the vaccination campaign and 429 of the school children were vaccinated.

Girl Guides and Brownies.

Dealing with the work of the Girl Guides and Brownies, which had been enthusiastically maintained during the year, the report states:—

I myself would thank Guide and Brownie leaders for their help—one wonders if they know even in part, how much they help us in our school work with the children—by the mental, moral and physical training which embodies all Guide games and occupations.

We owe to the generosity of Mr. Tsui Kung Po, three additional scholarships; they are of yearly duration and are held in Class 4 of the lower school. Our numbers are large, consequently there is always keen competition for the few available scholarships. Not infrequently girls leave school because the fee can no longer be afforded. This is to them a sadness because girls are becoming much keener on education, and much more anxious to prolong their school days.

Education of Girls.

The report went on to say that education for the Chinese girl is still very much in its infancy, but we feel that each year we take a further step towards a fuller conception. One would like the girls themselves to realise more fully the real value of education, especially their education, which has not the same aim as that of their brothers.

The conception of family life in China does not bring the girl into the same struggle for existence, and, because of the part she has to play in life, the plan of her education can be more idealistic. Examinations, though having a certain worth for her, should not be looked upon as the be-all and end-all. She should not consider her education finished with the passing of the Senior Local and the final closing of the school door. In reality it should prove a preparation for the life now before her; it should colour the long hours of leisure that await her in her home. It is at this moment when school life is finished that she should realise the value of the school training and be able to apply it in the direction of thought, in restraint and self-control, in being able happily and worthily to fill her time.

A Higher Aim.

One would like the girls to know that "the object of education is not particular knowledge; there is a higher aim lying at the rear of all that the acquisition of what may be called wisdom, namely, sound appreciation and just decision as to all objects that come around them, and the habit of behaving in accordance with that decision."

Sir Shouson Chow addressed the gathering, making humorous references to his fear of speech-making, and later announced his intention of creating a new Chinese scholarship, the distribution of his gift of \$100 to be left to the discretion of Miss Skinner.

**SHOT MAN SUCCUMBS
TO WOUNDS.****THE CAINE ROAD SHOOTING
TRAGEDY.****WAS THERE A BUSINESS
DISCUSSION?**

Cheng Hang Shek, the pawnbroker who was seriously wounded in the Caine Road shooting affray on Wednesday afternoon, died at the Government Civil Hospital at 9.30 a.m. yesterday, thus bringing the death roll up to three. The other two were:—

San Fong Hing, 41, a merchant, of 127, Caine Road, and Lai Kwai Chi, 45, an accountant, of the same address.

As was reported in our columns yesterday, San Fong Hing was believed to have fired at the two men, and then committed suicide.

It is now revealed that the pistol found in the room after the tragedy is the property of San Fong Hing, who only recently fired his "test" at the Police revolver Range at Bowen Road before the licence, which he held, was renewed.

A Business Deal?

Members of the merchant's family are very reticent about the matter, but they declare that they had no idea what went on in the room where the shooting took place after the arrival of the pawnbroker about an hour before the tragedy. A discussion at all, was carried out in ordinary tones and there was nothing to arouse the suspicion of the other members of the family, most of whom were at home at the time.

The first sign that something untoward had taken place was two reports in rapid succession, followed by a third a little while later. Rushing to the room, the inmates of the house found the three men lying on the floor, close to each other, in a position which would indicate that they were sitting close to each other before the shooting took place.

Motive Obscure.

The police then arrived to take charge of the situation. As regards the question of motive, the authorities are reluctant to make a statement until after full investigation.

One point has been established, that the merchant was a man of substantial wealth, well-connected in the Colony, and at time of his death was in a position which disposed immediately of any suggestion that he was in financial difficulties. He is survived by two sons, the elder of whom was only recently married, and a number of daughters.

**LATE SIR GERSHOM
STEWART.****LARGE ESTATE LEFT IN
HONG KONG.**

The late Sir Gershom Stewart, K.B.E., formerly of Whitehouse, Hoylake, Chester, and of Hong Kong, who died at 119, Sloane Street, Westminster, Middlesex, on December 2, 1929, left Hong Kong estate which has been valued at \$159,000, while gross estate in Great Britain amounts to \$27,900 10s. 8d.

Recessing of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors. The will contains family bequests.

Local estate worth \$62,400 was left by Li Fung, alias Li Fung Tso, alias Li Kan Sang, alias Li Hor Ping, alias Li Lun Koo Tong, alias Li Yuen Yee Tong, who died intestate at 33, Wo-lung Lane, Tai Sun Street, Canton, on August 23, 1929. In addition to a widow and concubine he was survived by 15 children.

Cessate letters of administration have been granted to Li Kam Shi, widow, who is living at 29, Poi Ho Street, Shamshuipo.

**JUNIOR LOCAL
EXAMINATIONS.****SUPPLEMENTARY PASS
LIST.**

The following names have been added to the pass list of the Junior Local Examinations:—

Gertrude White, Diocesan Girls' School.

Helen Bogdatsky, French Convent, Distinction in Music.

The following candidates who passed the recent Junior Local Examinations have received distinction in Music:—

Clement Long, King's College.

Helen Lin, St. Stephen's Girls' College.

May Ung, St. Joseph's Girls' College.

Ethel Banker, Diocesan Girls' School.

**MONKEY KILLERS.
BEWARE!****MEAT UNFIT FOR HUMAN
CONSUMPTION.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 15.

The Canton Police Headquarters, in compliance with the request of a well-known humanitarian, Mr. Ning Huk Lit, to-day reminded the general public of the law against the killing of monkeys for food. This law went into effect more than a year ago, as monkey meat was considered unfit for human consumption, but it has never been rigidly enforced.

Numerous restaurant proprietors in the city, in order to satiate the cravings of their customers, have continued to offer monkey meat to the public in open violation of the Anti-Monkey Act. What is worse still, they hang up the skeletons of these animals at the front entrance of their shops after the meat has been taken off the carcass. This is to attract the attention of the public.

The police are conducting a thorough investigation into the matter. All the restaurant keepers are advised to turn their monkeys over to the zoological garden in Central Park. Unless this is done, the proprietors concerned will be heavily fined in addition to the confiscation of the animals.

**WHITEHALL NOT A
FUNK-HOLE.****NEVER A REFUGE FOR
CUTHBERTS.****MANNERS COUNT.**

Sir Warren Fisher, the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, last month defended the Civil Service against what he described as "the constant stream of innuendo against it." He was giving evidence before the Royal Commission on the Civil Service.

"The Civil Service," he said, "is, of course, not perfect, but it really did not during the war constitute one huge 'funk hole' swarming with 'Cuthberts.'"

"Approximately two-thirds, or excluding the industrial establishments, three-fourths of the fit men of military age in regular service joined the armed forces of the Crown."

"Again, since the war, it really has not consisted of 'a swarm of rapacious drones' coming together to settle 'how much of the public revenues they shall appropriate for themselves.'"

"Nor again, is it really engaged in a bureaucratic conspiracy for its own aggrandisement against the rest of the community. Its share of the activities of government is confined to the execution of policies which originate with political parties and are endorsed by the electorate and Parliament."

Not Their Fault.

"These may involve the extension of the machine of government in order to carry them out; they may be a source of irritation to the individual citizen; but surely it is very unreasonable, not to say unfair, to put the blame, if blame there is to be, on the shoulders of the Civil Service."

"There is a real danger of the moral of the service being eventually prejudiced if it is continually subject to ill-natured ridicule and ill-informed attacks."

When a candidate was interviewed for a post any information about his origin was regarded as irrelevant.

"What his family happens to be is unimportant as his religion," said Sir Warren. "When I am interviewing a man I consider not what his family is, but what he is himself."

"If I think he is a nice fellow I pay no attention to whether he speaks with a pedantic accent, or a Scottish or Yorkshire accent. Of course, if a man is an obvious boor or has dirty finger nails, he doesn't get a chance."

Replying to the Duchess of Athol (a member of the Commission), Sir Warren said that what people in the Civil Service did not know about one another nobody outside the Service could possibly know. "It is like a whispering gallery," he said.

HUSBANDS FOR ALL.**BOY BIRTH RATE INCREASES
RAPIDLY.****REASONS WHY.**

By the time the young British schoolgirls of to-day are of marriageable age, there are likely to be husbands for all who want them. Provided, of course, another war does not occur. The last one cost Great Britain the lives of 612,317 men.

At all events, it is certain that better times are coming for women who wish to marry. Six years ago "surplus" women numbered 1,600,000; to-day it is estimated in a Board of Trade Blue-book that figure has been reduced by 400,000. Within the next two or three decades that excess of women over men, so far as those below 45 years of age are concerned, will probably disappear altogether. Scientific and statistical evidence points that way.

Diminishing Excess.

What is the reason for the reduction of women in excess of men by 400,000 in six years?

Professor A. L. Bowley of the London School of Economics, an expert on population problems, said to me: "In 1924 the population figures suggested that the excess of women over men would not increase any further; and that, in fact, the excess would decrease as the loss of males during the war merged in the population."

"Already, if these Government estimates are correct, the excess has been diminished, but causes cannot be definitely decided until we know from the 1931 census the distribution of people according to age. (In passing, may I appeal to the Registrar-General to try to let us have that information earlier than on former occasions?)"

More Boys Than Girls.

"Two possible causes of the diminution in excess women are: (1) The saving of infant life, which has reduced the loss of males relative to females. It is well-known that more boys are born than girls, but that the greater difficulty of rearing boys has formerly caused them to die in far greater numbers. This point will be clear when we have the census figures for young boys and girls."

"(2) Reduction in emigration, which was one of the main reasons for the deficiency of males of early middle age."

Another expert said: "Woman's marriage problem will persist longer than it would otherwise, because of men desiring to marry women younger than themselves."

**HATRY MEETS HIS
SON.****MOVING SCENE IN THE
LAW COURTS.**

Clarence Hatry, the financier, serving the first year of his long sentence of penal servitude, has realised the wish he has cherished ever since he staggered, a broken man, down the steps of the Old Bailey dock—he has kissed his son!

The meeting took place in a cold, bare consultation room at the Law Courts, where Hatry reappeared in public last month to give evidence in a lawsuit.

Hatry's first words when he arrived at the Law Courts were, "Can I see my boy?" It was a human appeal. It touched the heart of every one who heard it. There were difficulties in the way, but even these might be overcome—and they were!

Final Embrace.

The Law Courts were deserted. Hatry stood bareheaded in the room where every day solicitors hold last-minute consultations with litigants.

The door opened and in rushed the boy straight to his father's arms. Hatry kissed his son passionately on both cheeks. They talked together for minutes, which flashed by like seconds.

Two warders stood by watching this poignant human drama. Then the time came for separation. Hatry caught his son in a final embrace and turned to go. His dearest wish had been gratified.

Hatry went later in the day to a penal settlement to begin the first period of his sentence of penal servitude. Hitherto he had been confined in a London gaol.

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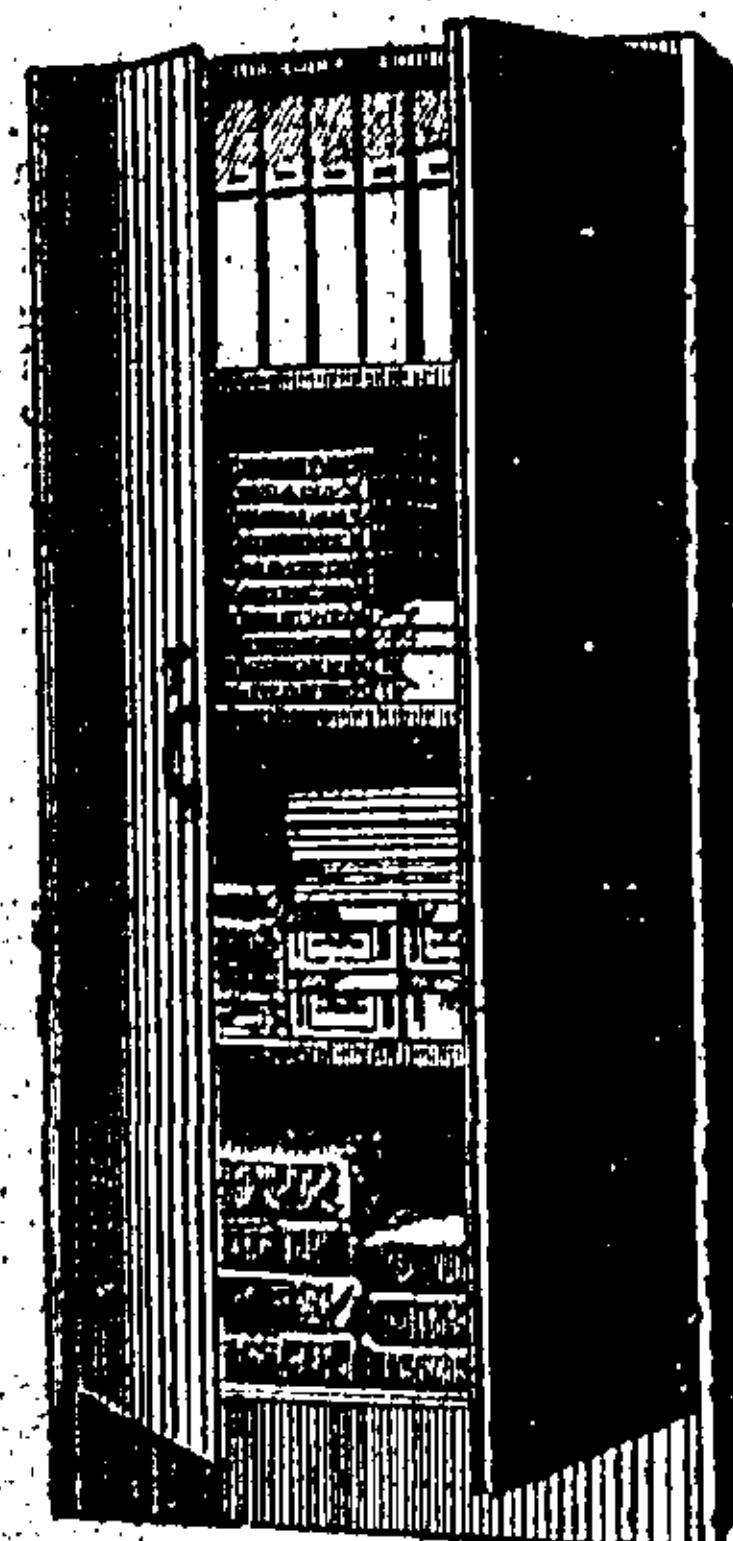
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
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be held on MONDAY, the 19th Day
of JANUARY, 1931, at 8 P.M., at the
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MR. BASCOM JOHNSON
(Chairman of the Commission of
Inquiry into Traffic in Women
in the East)
Will Speak on
THE SOCIAL WORK OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. [200]

SOCIETY OF YORKSHIREMEN IN HONG KONG.

OWING to the Death of the
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Consequent Court Mourning, our
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C.M.G., K.C.B., will be Unable to attend
the CABBAGE-DINNER-DANCE on
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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 3.25 p.m., stated:—
The anti-cyclone over the lower Yangtze Valley appears to be moving into the Eastern Sea. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N. winds, fresh; fine.

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MR. BALDWIN'S CALL TO ACTION.

MR. BALDWIN has sounded the tocsin! When Parliament assembles in a week's time there will be war to the knife. A determined offensive will be launched on the Government and every effort made to detach the Simonite wing of the Liberal Party. The chief point of attack will be the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to annul the legislation passed after the General Strike of 1926 to prevent any recurrence of revolutionary tactics by the Trades Union Council. It is a pernicious piece of legislation and a very right and proper object of political bombardment. Apart from the formal first reading, the Bill will be opposed at all stages and every effort made to secure a Government defeat on this measure. It is a major issue, and defeat at any important phase of its progress would involve resignation of the Government.

The Conservative Party should be in fighting trim after its success in saying the safeguarding duty on British dyestuffs, in face of the Government's determined effort to expose this young industry to competition from foreign dumpers. Mr. BALDWIN himself has consolidated his position as leader. He has beaten the Press Barons, though the BEAVERBROOK papers continue sniping, and he has brought his recalcitrants to heel. There are no serious rivals for the Premiership-elect, especially after Mr. CURRYCHILL's recent indiscretion. Mr. BALDWIN has, in fact, celebrated the occasion by issuing a disciplinary letter reminding all Conservative M.P.'s of lost chances and telling them sharply that "no excuse except illness is adequate for failure to respond to a three-line whip."

Mr. BALDWIN has become a cautious campaigner. As long as his party was divided over the tariff issue he hedged and refused to commit himself. Now that all his followers have been convinced that the continuance of Free Trade is impossible he has officially accepted the principle of tariffs, and is ready for a general advance on the Labour Government, in which every Conservative is expected to go over the top. Mr. BALDWIN is regarded by some people as a gentle and somewhat person. Actually he is red-haired, and pugnacious, a fine orator and a dangerous antagonist. There is no doubt that the sparks will fly when Parliament re-assembles to consider the "strikers' charter," the Cabinet's failure to deal with the unemployment issue, and its passive acceptance of the abuse of the dole.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

We publish on our front page something about the recommendations of a section of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Capital Punishment. The Committee consisted of fifteen members, and it was conducted in such manner that the seven Conservative members withdrew when the pro-

ceedings degenerated into sentimentality. The remaining eight recommended the suspension of the death penalty for five years, death sentences being commuted as at present by Royal Prerogative. Miss HELEN NORMANTON, a barrister and a leader of the women's movement, whose views we also give at some length, supports abolition of the extreme penalty, but for not very logical reasons. She thinks that there are degrees of murder and mentions three particularly callous murderers, CHAPMAN, EDITH THOMPSON and NORMAN THORNE, as having been unduly punished. The present system takes full cognisance of extenuating circumstances and at present nearly half the death sentences are commuted.

The real arguments against capital punishment must be based less on the feelings of the criminal than on those of other people concerned. Hangings excise a morbid fascination over many people. On the eve of an execution a number of sensitive souls cannot sleep out of sympathy for the sufferings of the condemned. The prison staffs loathe the whole business. It gets, to a varying degree, on their nerves. The Home Secretary, the judges and prosecuting as well as defending counsel would welcome a change in the law. Though it is never difficult to secure a hangman, cruel and bloodthirsty men should not be allowed to indulge their twisted mentalities by "doing the job." Nor can the mental agony of the murderer's innocent relatives be entirely forgotten.

But the upshot of the whole controversy should rest on whether murder increases when capital punishment is stopped. France looked up the guillotine with disastrous result, and had to take it out of store. Italy has done the same. In Hong Kong it would be ridiculous to show mercy to pirates and murderers. They simply would not understand it. They would take it as an invitation to continue in their ways, probably assuming that one of their colleagues had bribed the Governor. The hardened American gangster merits no mercy, and there is a vast underworld in England kept in check at present by the severity of the law and the efficiency of the police. For the police the death penalty is a real protection. A burglar caught in the act will risk a few more years on his sentence and drop his man with a gun, unless he knows that the hangman will then be waiting for him. It is not pleasant to hang men, but while murder continues, it is the proper deterrent. Miss HELEN NORMANTON's pretty suggestion that easier divorce would mean fewer murders is rubbish. A man who would murder his wife for his "freedom" would commit murder in any case. The motive of the wife murderer is either jealousy or money—negatively to escape paying alimony, or positively to get a legacy. Very common reasons for murder are to escape either detection or arrest after committing a lesser crime. There are cogent arguments against the death penalty in England, but now is a dangerous time to relax the terrors of the law.

Trees in Nathan Road.

The stately old trees along Nathan Road are having their pruning. It is done daintily, large branches being sawn off by the Botanical and Forestry Department employees. Nathan Road can claim to be the finest in the Colony, straight and broad and decorated on either side with these fine and old trees. It would be a sad day for Kowloon if this beautiful line of banyans had to be sacrificed in the interests of speed and yet more speed. Fortunately the road should be, for years to come, wide enough to accommodate both trees and motor traffic.

A Speaker Worth Hearing.

Mr. Bascom Johnson, the Chairman of the Commission sent by the League of Nations, to inquire into the traffic in women and children in the Far East, is to-day addressing a meeting to be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. Mr. Johnson cannot of course, say much about the matter he is investigating. The results of the Commission's work will be stated in a report to the League of Nations. But to-day's lecture deals with the

★ News and Views ★

"No Demand" for Sweep Law Inquiry?

The Home Secretary was asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Day (Lab., Southwark) if it was not true that the law relating to sweepstakes and lotteries was so clarified that the public would know the exact position. Would not a committee be the best means of finding out? Mr. Clynes: In a previous answer I indicated that if there was evidence of a general demand for inquiry I would consider what could be done. I have seen no such evidence. If the interested parties do not want an inquiry why should we insist on it?

The Battling One.

Battling Battaline (there ought to be a prize for the most picturesque boxing name), who retained the world's feather-weight championship by defeating Kid Chocolate in fifteen rounds at Madison-square Garden, New York, has had a meteoric career in the ring. He started boxing as an amateur when he was seventeen. He won the Connecticut State amateur feather-weight championship in 1926 and 1927, and the national amateur feather-weight championship in 1927. Battaline met with his first defeat as a professional in 1928, when he was beaten in six rounds by Johnny Ciccone. He was the world's feather-weight champion by defeating Andre Routis, of France, in September, 1929.

Yellow Fever Discoveries.

Valuable research work on yellow fever has been done by Professor Edward Hinde, and the "British Medical Journal" reveals two highly important discoveries made by him in relation to this deadly disease. It now appears that, contrary to hitherto accepted opinion, yellow fever may be transmitted by more than one species of mosquito, and also that in the early stages of the disease the blood of yellow fever patients is so highly infectious that more contact with the surface of the skin may produce infection. These discoveries are of the utmost practical value. Only intensive anti-mosquito campaigns can wipe out yellow fever, but it is now apparent that still greater precautions must be adopted by those brought in contact with yellow fever cases.

Politics and the B.B.C.

The report that a comprehensive agreement had been reached governing all future political broadcasts is not wholly accurate, says a Home newspaper. No general settlement affecting all future talks has been reached. True it is that for the last year and a half discussions have taken place between the party Whips in the house of arriving at some equitable distribution of the ether between them. At one moment it was suggested that the right allocation between the Government, the Opposition and Liberals should be in the proportion of 9.8.5. Of late, however, these ratios have been abandoned, and although political talks will figure in this year's programme of the B.B.C. no general arrangement or rule has been laid down as to the ratios of time and ether to be allotted to each party.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

One case (non-Chinese) of typhoid fever was reported for the 24 hours ended January 14.

The temperature in Hong Kong at 6 a.m. yesterday was 81, compared with 21 in Shanghai.

Sir William Hornell is to distribute the prizes at the Italian Convent School at 5.30 p.m. next Wednesday.

The Hong Kong dollar opened yesterday at 11½d. and dropped a farthing during the morning. There was no change in the afternoon.

Charged with keeping a fly brothel at 211, Temple Street, a Chinese named Ng Ho was fined \$100 or two months' imprisonment by Mr. Butters yesterday.

We have been informed by the agents of the s.s. Kaesgar which is advertised to arrive at 6 a.m. this morning that owing to bad weather outside, the vessel will not dock till probably about noon.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—Dr. Antonio Paula Ribeiro, residing at 24, Ricardo Road, is to marry Miss Mariana Ribeiro de Assumpcao, of 5, Peace Avenue, Kowloon. Mr. Raymond Alarcon, residing at 10, Granville Road, to Miss Agnes Brown, of 670, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Death Fumes in Flock.

"The mattress was of flock and this, burning aglow, had the same effect as a charcoal fire, giving off carbon monoxide." This statement was made by a doctor at a Sheerness inquest on Joseph Gordon, aged twenty-nine, and William McDonagh, aged twenty-three, naval stokers, who were found dead in a bedroom at a Navy and Army Hotel, Sheerness. The jury returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure owing to carbon monoxide poisoning." It was stated that when the men were found dead the mattress and some of the clothes of the bed occupied by McDonagh were aglow. Both men died in their sleep. A half-smoked cigarette was found near Gordon's bed.

Politicians as Musicians.

Mr. Lansbury, who sang "The Waggle of the Old Dog's Tail," at a social gathering of M.P.'s, is not the most notable musician in the Government, though no doubt he is one of the best draws. The outstanding performer is Mr. F. O. Roberts, the Minister of Pensions, whose fiddle is well-known on Labour platforms. With Mr. Rhys Davies, a former Minister, he formed a choir of Labour members of Parliament, which included Mr. Alfred Short, the Under Home Secretary, who is a baritone tenor. Among the rank and file the star turn is Mr. Maxton, whose rendering of pirate songs is almost terrifying in its intensity. Mr. Maxton has even been known to compose a song himself and sing it to a select audience.

What Meen Needs.

People were impressed by Meen's fine frame, and it is expected that he will yet give a very good account of himself as our best British heavy-weight. What would not a year in America do for him? But his deficiency in ring intelligence made boxing men shudder. With Meen there was no question of staying down for a period of the count to gather the wind that was being knocked out of him. As long as he could he jumped to his feet as if too proud to flatter Carnara's punching power. He was as courageously rash as a man who fights a bull by facing it. Before the fight Carnara's manager, Mr. Leon See, said: "Nobody can beat Carnara. I believe he could take on any two men in the same ring and put them out." The idea is interesting. Perhaps Walter Lindrum could play two cues.

London as an Art Centre.

During post-war years London has become, from several points of view, the principal art centre of the world. It is here that several of the world's most important art exhibitions have been held, and similar great exhibitions are now being organised for the future. Without doubt London is now the world's greatest market for all kinds of works of art—books, china, silver and goldware, and antiques. In the last ten years between £50 and £60 millions worth of British works alone were sold to America, and an expert has stated that so many treasures still remain that what has gone will hardly be missed. One London firm transacted business on a scale which almost equalled the combined total of New York houses.

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The Marie Celeste.

Among all the explanations of the Marie Celeste mystery, the very probable theory advanced by the owner at the original inquiry appears to have received little attention. The vessel carried an inflammable cargo including spirits of turpentine in barrels. The suggestion is that on a morning of fair weather and calm sea a mild explosion occurred in the hold, blowing off the hatch cover. The crew, aware of the dangerous nature of the freight, and fearing fire and a second more devastating explosion at any instant, tumbled pell-mell into the boat in a moment of panic and pulled away from the ship. A few minutes sufficed to prove their fears groundless, but in the steady breeze the ship sailed quietly away by herself faster than they could overtake.

Looking Back 60 Years.

PUNISHMENT OF CRIME IN TIBET.—On this subject a correspondent writes:—When a case is brought before a Tibetan official, if both parties come willingly they are let alone and no torture is employed. But if the culprit refuses to come, he is apprehended and shut up in some room or stable, or in the prison, if there is one. After a detention of some days, he is set at liberty, provided that mediators and friends stand as his security. Bodily punishment is seldom resorted to, because a Tibetan prefers paying any amount of money rather than receive the lashing; but he must not be too slow in complying with the official's wishes, nor show himself publicly insolent, otherwise the stick and lash will teach him submission and politeness. In order to forward the territory to be

Looking Back 25 Years.

We understand that the Reception Committee for the entertainment of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught on his arrival in the Colony next month, decided at a meeting held yesterday, to invite the public, both European and Chinese, to illuminate their premises on the night of February 10 along the route to be followed by H.R.H. in

proceeding to and returning from the Ko Shing Theatre, where he is dining with the Chinese community. The details of the route will, we understand, be published shortly. It is also proposed to invite residents on the Peak whose houses face the harbour, to place a red lamp in each of their windows.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, January 14, 1906.

INDIAN ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

SOLUTION TO MINORITY DIFFERENCES ELUSIVE.

FRESH OFFER BY MOSLEM DELEGATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 14. An important development in Hindu-Moslem differences at the Round Table Conference occurred at a meeting of the Minorities Committee to-day when Sir Mohammed Shafi, on behalf of the Moslems, made a new offer which, "If accepted will end the controversy."

Dr. Moonje, a Hindu, replied in a conciliatory manner.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald then adjourned the meeting to enable the two sides to "talk."

A Sandhurst College for India.

LATER.

An early and substantial increase of the Indianisation of the Indian Army and the establishment of a training college in India for officers of all arms of the Indian defence services, are the chief recommendations of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference, which also advocates the utmost reduction of the number of British troops in India, but recognises the necessity of not infringing the responsibility of the Crown through the Committee of Imperial Defence, which is not merely concerned with India but with the Empire as a whole.

Delegates' Failure to Represent British Opinion in India.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 15.

Mr. W. L. Travers, President of the European Association, in a letter to the newspaper *The Statesman*, endorses the journal's complaint that Mr. Gavin Jones, the British Indian delegate to the Round Table Conference in London, had failed to represent British opinion in India in advocating responsible Government by a central administration.

Mr. Travers repudiates the views expressed by Mr. Jones, and that he is ready to resign if the European Association disapprove of his letter.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Renewed Effort to Settle Hindu-Moslem Differences.

RUGBY, Jan. 14.

A renewed effort to settle the Hindu-Moslem problem was made to-day when, in the Minorities Committee, over which the Prime Minister presided, a fresh offer was made by Sir Mohammed Shafi on behalf of the Moslem delegation.

On the proposal of Dr. Moonje, the Hindu leader, who described it as showing a spirit of accommodation, the Committee adjourned while the offer was further considered in private by a few of the leaders on either side with the Prime Minister present as conciliator.

After several hours the meeting still continued.

It is understood that disagreement has been reduced to the narrowest possible margin, namely, the question of one seat in the Punjab Council. Actually, agreement was reached between the Hindus and Moslems, and the delegates representing both communities at one time joined in making an appeal to the Sikhs, who, however, refused to give way.

Moslem Offer.

When the Committee met Sir Mohammed Shafi recalled that in the previous negotiations certain approaches to agreement had been made, but it was over representation in the Punjab and Bengal, where the Moslems are in the majority—that failure had occurred. He was now authorised by the Moslem delegation to make an offer that Punjab Moslems should have through communal electorates 40 per cent. of the entire number of seats in the whole House and should have liberty to contest the special constituencies which it was proposed to create there. In Bengal, Moslems should have through communal electorates 40 per cent. representation in the whole House and the right to contest special constituencies there.

In so far as the minority provinces were concerned, Moslems should continue to enjoy the weightage they had at present through the separate electorates, similar weightage to be given to Hindus in the Sind and Sindh in the North-West Frontier Province. If at any time hereafter two-thirds of the representatives of any community in the Provincial Legislative Council or in the Central Legislative Council desire to give up their communal electorates and accept joint electorates, then thereafter the system of joint electorates could come into being in that particular provincial or Central Legislature, as the case might be.

The result of the proposal in Bengal would be that Moslems would remain in the permanent minority, although they constitute the majority of the population. The special constituencies it was proposed to set up there were such that Moslems could hope at least to secure only one seat, namely, Dacca University. In the Punjab they might conceivably secure two of the special constituency seats, in which case they might have a majority of one.

Moslem's Greatest Sacrifice.

Sir Mohammed Shafi said that it was the Moslems' final offer and they could not possibly agree to any greater sacrifice than it involved.

Whole Work of Conference Imperilled.

Sir Srinavasi Sastri, who followed, said that he had listened to the offer with respect. He and some of his friends believed that the difficulties were capable of settlement and had, indeed, been more or less settled in regard to the greater part of India, and remained only in Bengal and the Punjab. This offer was one which, it seemed to him and his friends, might be accepted in these two Provinces. He pointed out that non-settlement of the Hindu-Moslem problem imperilled the whole work of the Conference.

Mr. Ujjal Singh said that Sikhs could in no case accept less than 24 per cent. of representation in the Punjab Council.

Mr. Mitter said he feared that the offer would not lead to peace in Bengal and for that reason he considered it unacceptable.

Mr. Nath Winda, a delegate from the Punjab, also pointed out that 32 per cent. of the proportion of his population would be reduced by the offer to having 27 per cent. representation.

Dr. Moonje, the Hindu Mahasabha leader, expressed the view that accommodation was at last within sight. He suggested that the Committee adjourn and that a few representative members of each side, with the Prime Minister as conciliator, should consider the situation privately.

Separation of Sind.

The Sub-Committee on Separation of the Sind concluded to-day.

The draft report admits that the case for the division of the Sind from Bombay is impressive. The Government of Bombay have pointed out certain administrative difficulties, but they are not thought insuperable. The Committee recommended that an expert Committee in India should examine the case fully, with the financial aspects of separation.

Defence Sub-Committee Report.

The Defence Sub-Committee report, issued to-day, recommends immediate steps to increase substantially the rate of Indianisation of the Indian Army and the early establishment of an Indian Training College. The Government of India is advised to set up an expert committee composed of both British and Indians to work out the details of the College proposal. The majority of the Committee held that it is impossible to lay down any definite rate of Indianisation, since it might embarrass those responsible for defence. The report also points out that the factor governing all considerations is the responsibility of the committee of Imperial Defence for examining all defence problems.

British Press Confident of Favourable Developments.

RUGBY, Jan. 15.

In view of the narrow margin of difference that remains on the minorities' question as a result of yesterday's developments, hopes are entertained in Indian Round Table Conference circles that efforts to effect a settlement of this stubborn problem will not be abandoned, and that they may be brought to a successful issue before the delegates depart.

Broadly stated, the problem is to devise a scheme which will give the Moslems a sense of security without resorting to devices which it is recognised would stunt the development of Indian national feeling.

The new offer made last night by Sir Mohammed Shafi, and upon the basis of which virtual agreement was reached between the Hindus, and Moslems, failed to secure acceptance of the offer.

All parties, however, recognise the valuable opportunity for settling the problem which this morning's offer, and the British Press confidently awaits further and more favourable developments.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

TIENTSIN BELGIAN CONCESSION.

FORMALLY RETURNED TO CHINA YESTERDAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIENTSIN, Jan. 15.

The Belgian Concession here was formally handed over to China this morning.

Illness prevented the Belgian Minister, Baron de Warzee, attending, and his place was taken by the Belgian Consul-General, M. Snyers, who expressed his pleasure in giving effect to the retrocession in the presence of Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, who had been closely associated with the negotiations.

Tsang Chi Fang, Mayor of Tientsin, took over control of the Concession in the name of the Chinese Government, and in felicitous terms congratulated those concerned upon the successful outcome of their negotiations.

Before the actual ceremony of rendition the representatives of the Belgian Legation and the Chinese Foreign Office exchanged ratifications connected with the rendition agreement.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

Dr. C. T. Wang Interviewed.

TIENTSIN, Jan. 15.

In an interview with Chinese Pressmen, Dr. C. T. Wang said that his present visit to Tientsin was entirely in connection with the Belgian Concession rendition ceremony.

The Chinese people, he added, should be grateful to Belgium, for she was the first nation to relinquish extra-territoriality in China and to recognize China's Customs' autonomy. Lately she has made a further friendly gesture to China in the form of retroceding the Belgian Concession at Tientsin.

He said that he expected 10 other foreign concessions to be retroceded to China this year.

Sino-Russian Conference.

Regarding the future of the Sino-Russian Conference at Moscow, he thought that if the Chinese Eastern Railway question is satisfactorily settled, other Sino-Russian problems will be easily settled.

SUGGESTED SILVER COMBINE.

NEW YORK CHINESE BANKER'S PROPOSAL.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15.

According to a report from Tokyo official sources, the President of the branch of the Bank of China at New York, Mr. Sun, is negotiating with American leading bankers regarding steps to be taken to deal with the present silver crisis.

He is alleged to have proposed the following plan for their consideration:—

A silver combine to be formed by Chinese, American and British leading bankers for the purpose of buying silver bullion amounting to \$15,000,000. At the same time efforts should be made to advise Great Britain to discontinue releasing silver for the open market from India.

For the above-mentioned purpose an international conference should be held between the bankers of the three nations concerned.

LIKIN ABOLITION IN FENGTIEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MUKDEN, Jan. 15.

The Fengtien authorities have ordered all Likin officers in the Province to stop the collection of the tax.

Pending consideration of their new offer made at yesterday's meeting of the Minorities' Sub-Committee, the Moslem delegates refrained from comment on the suggestion for submitting the communal question to arbitration advanced yesterday by some of the leading Hindu delegates. As the Moslem offer was not accepted, however, they have authorised the following statement:—

"It has been suggested that certain persons should be asked to arbitrate on the Hindu-Moslem question. The Mohammedan delegation considers this course would be unconstitutional, as the appropriate and only body which can decide the question saving agreement."

Reports of its various Sub-Committees were presented this morning to the Indian Round Table Conference sitting in Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

The London city editor of *St. Paul Pioneer Press* in 1890, and joined the *Evening Transcript*, Boston, in 1895, after which he took up bibliography and literary work. He also compiled Epigrams and Aphorisms of Oscar Wilde.

LEADER'S LETTER TO CONSERVATIVES.

BALDWIN ENJOINS PARTY TO ATTEND PARLIAMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 14.

In preparation for the re-assembling of Parliament on January 20, a disciplinary letter has been circulated by Mr. Baldwin to Conservative members of Parliament, drawing attention to the fact that the "opportunities" narrowly missed in the past sessions will certainly recur, and pointing out that Government business will be taken on Wednesdays, finally asserting: "No excuse except illness is adequate for failure to respond to a three-line whip."

BRITISH DRUG PLAN OPPOSITION.

CHINESE SUGGEST INTERNATIONAL FACTORY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 14.

Numerous "snags" have appeared during the discussion in the Advisory Opium Committee's meetings regarding the quota system in the British plan for the limitation of the manufacture of narcotic drugs. The plan fails to find general favour, and Mr. Woo Kai Seng, the principal Chinese delegate, has requested that consideration be given to the Chinese plan for the creation of an international factory at Geneva which would manufacture the entire world's supply of drugs under supervision of the League of Nations.

The matter will be further discussed in sub-committee.

CHINESE COFFINS WASHED ASHORE.

CONSIGNED TO "TUNG WAH HOSPITAL."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Jan. 14.

A number of Chinese coffins have been washed up on beaches near Sydney, and there is much speculation among local Chinese regarding the significance of the happening.

One of the coffins bears an inscription in Chinese, which translated shows the figure "87 87" and the words "Tung Wah Hospital, Hong Kong."

CHINA'S ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS INVITED TO SEND EXPERTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 14.

The Chinese Government has telegraphed to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, suggesting that Sir Arthur Salter, Director of the Economic and Finance Section, should visit China to discuss questions relating to the effect of the present world depression on China's economic activities.

The Chinese Government also suggests that Mr. Robert Haas, Director of the League's Communications organisation, should visit China to discuss the problems of China's inland waterways and land reclamation.

The Secretary-General has replied that the invitation will be submitted to the League Council at its January session.

CHILEAN NITRATE COMBINE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Jan. 14.

The Minister of Finance has announced that the negotiations in New York for the establishment of a \$300,000,000 nitrate combine have been successfully completed.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE HENRY SARGENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CONCORD (N.H.), Jan. 14.

Mr. George Henry Sargent, the well-known writer, died to-day.

He became city editor of *St. Paul Pioneer Press* in 1890, and joined the *Evening Transcript*, Boston, in 1895, after which he took up bibliography and literary work. He also compiled Epigrams and Aphorisms of Oscar Wilde.

BRITISH LABOUR DISPUTES.

MINISTERIAL EFFORTS TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 14.

Labour Ministry officials conferred with both sides to the disputes in the cotton industry in Lancashire to-day.

Every effort is being made to secure a settlement before Monday, when a wide extension of the stoppage is threatened.

The conference in which the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, and the Mines Secretary, Mr. E. Shiwell, are taking part to find a basis for renewed negotiations between the South Wales coal-owners and miners have continued all day in London.

Settlement Anticipated To-day.

RUGBY, Jan. 15.

Negotiations for a settlement of the coalmining dispute in South Wales were continued at the Board of Trade yesterday, and although agreement was not reached the issues were so narrowed down that a settlement is anticipated this morning when the miners' and mine-owners' representatives will once more attend at the Board of Trade.

EUROPE'S DEBTS TO U.S.A.

GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND'S BELIEF

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.

A statement in regard to Europe's debts to America, which is considered significant, as the speaker intends to stand as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1932, was made to-day by Mr. Albert Ritchie, Governor of Maryland, in his inaugural address.

Mr. Ritchie said: "The countries of Europe are our debtors, and we won't prosper if they are impoverished. Our economic progress involves helping them, and the time is near when further consideration should be given to the status of our international debt."

The Governor also attacked high tariffs and denounced prohibition.

'QUAKE TREMORS IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY THROWN INTO CONFUSION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 14.

The sharpest earthquake tremors ever experienced here threw the city into great confusion late this evening.

The tremors lasted for over two minutes.

The population ran into the streets, expecting buildings to collapse. A peculiar yellow light was seen in the sky, accompanied by flashes of lightning.

The disturbance followed a big drop of the thermometer, which caused intense cold, many residents seeing snow for the first time in their lives.

Shock Rocks Vera Cruz.

A violent earthquake of long duration rocked Vera Cruz and caused great alarm.

Other towns also felt the shock.

BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION.

SHAREHOLDERS BRING SUIT TO REFUND BONUSES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.

Four shareholders of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation have asked the Chancery Court of Newark, New Jersey, to compel the group of officers and directors to refund to the Corporation over \$26,000,000 allegedly paid to them in bonuses since 1911.

The investigators in their suit desire to abolish the bonus system of the Bethlehem Corporation.

DISTURBANCES AT AHMEDABAD.

POLICE FIRE ON DEMONSTRATORS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Jan. 15.

The police opened fire at Ahmedabad yesterday after failing to disperse a crowd demonstrating in sympathy with the four Indians who were executed at Poona.

It is reported that a man and a woman were wounded, and 160 were injured by the policemen's staves and taken to hospital.

ANGLOSOVIET DEBTS AND CLAIMS.

SUB-COMMITTEES TO COMMENCE WORK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 16.

The eleventh meeting of the Anglo-Soviet Debts and Claims Committee yesterday decided that the Sub-Committee dealing with the bondholders' claims and Soviet counter-claims should commence its work on January 20, and the Sub-Committee dealing with miscellaneous private debts, claims and counter-claims on both sides early in February.

PRINCE'S TRIP TO ARGENTINA.

DEPART FROM LONDON TOMORROW.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 14.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who will embark for his South American tour at Santander on Sunday, will travel to Paris on Friday, accompanied by Prince George.

The Princes will fly to France in the morning if the weather is fine; otherwise, they will leave by train in the afternoon.

GERMANY'S BIG BUDGET DEFICIT.

FINANCE MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 14.

Addressing the Reich budget committee, the Finance Minister, Herr Dietrich, said that he expected the Budget deficit in 1931 to total \$50,000,000.

Taxation would not be increased, nor would the salaries of officials be further reduced. It was imperative, however, that administrative costs be reduced and, eventually, military and naval expenditure.

SUNKEN TRICOLOR'S CARGO.

CHEMICAL PRODUCTS CAUSE EXPLOSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSLO, Jan. 14.

The Norwegian Consulate in Singapore has telegraphed to the Ministry of Commerce that Consular enquiry found that a cargo of various chemical products endangered gases which exploded and destroyed the Tricolor.

There was no evidence that the Tricolor carried munitions, except a small quantity in the strong room.

DUTCH DESTROYER FOR EAST INDIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, Jan. 14.

The Dutch destroyer Vangalen will leave Curaçao on February 21 for the Dutch East Indies via the Cape.

The Vangalen is due at Batavia on June 1.

FLOW OF GOLD FROM LONDON TO PARIS.

FRANCE ACCEPTS INGOTS OF REDUCED FINENESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 14.

The Bank of France, which has hitherto only accepted gold bullion of a standard fineness of 900 per mille, has decided in future to accept all ingots of gold of a standard fineness of 900 per mille and over.

This means that the Bank of France will now accept gold of the standard fineness adopted by the Bank of England, namely, 916.66 per mille.

All gold sent from London to France at present must be refined, involving delay and uncertainty. The immediate result of the change may be to intensify the flow of gold from London to Paris, but the opinion is expressed that gold movements may be regularised in due course.

HANKOW NATIVE BANK ROBBED.

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIME.

Hankow, Dec. 27.—Booty amounting to \$3,800 fell into the hands of a gang of armed robbers on Christmas Eve when the Chang-yu Native Bank was held up. The Bank is situated in the Yun-sung-ping passage off the main street of the city. At six p.m. a man from another bank called to collect the sum of \$2,000 in dollars and when the iron grille door had been closed the money was counted out in piles on the counter.

The counting was nearly finished when one of the assistants in the bank had to go out and the grille was unlocked for his exit. Two men immediately sprang out of the shadows and held the gate open while six armed men entered the bank. Two of these mounted guard over the assistants while two packed up \$1,800 in notes and cash from the safe and the other two gathered up the money on the counter. One of the cooks of the Bank seeing what was going on went up on to the roof and got down into another shop, from which place he telephoned to the police. The message was a long time in getting the robbers had left with the loot.

LIVING POEM AT A BALL.

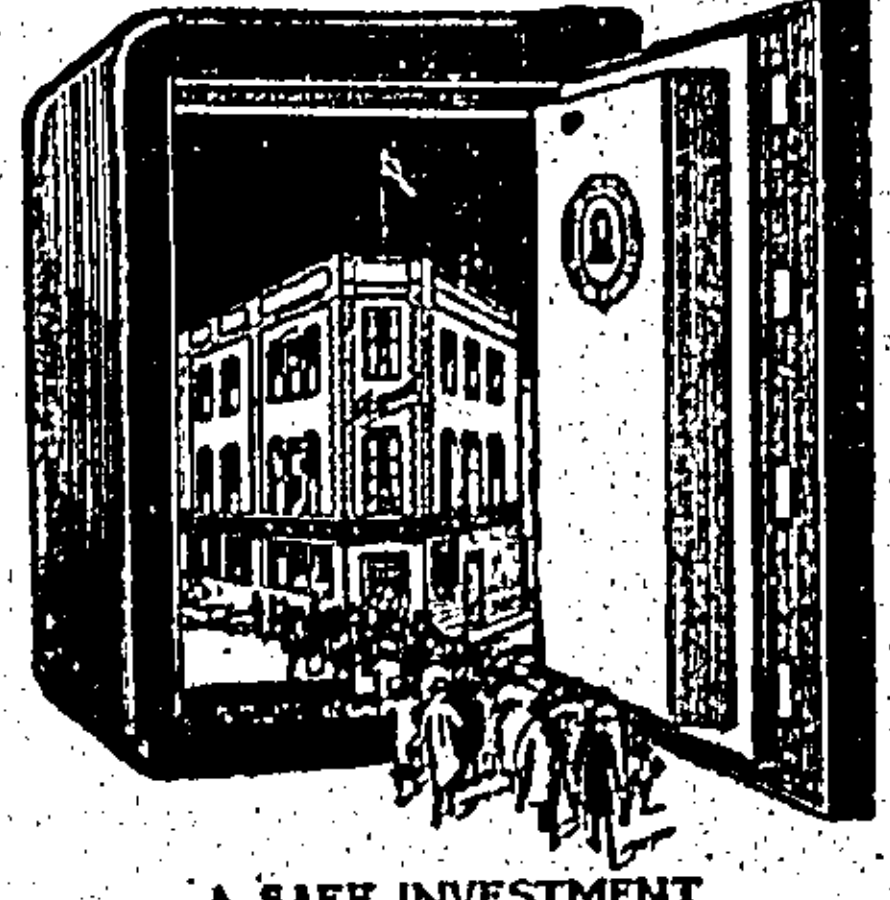
PERSIAN GARDEN BACKGROUND.

A "Living Poem," based on the fifteenth-century Persian story of the Loves of Princess Shirin and Prince Khosru, in which many lovely women, dressed in costumes reproduced from a Persian illuminated manuscript in the British Museum, took part, was the central feature of the Persian Ball at Grosvenor House.

The ball was organised by Lady Howard de Walden and Mrs. Arthur McGrath.

A Persian garden was the background for the poem, and Persian music was played as the characters moved about the stage.

The party of the ball president (Lady Howard de Walden) included the Aga Khan and the Begum Aga Khan, Sir Arnold and Lady Wilson, the Persian Charge d'Affaires, and Madame Noury, Sir Mirza Mohammad Lemail, Sir Maurice and Lady Violet Bonham Carter.



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Sports News

CRICKET TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

THE LEAGUE POSITION SURVEYED.

R. ABBIT'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

The outstanding feature of interest last Saturday was the win of the Indian Recreation Club over Kowloon. There was no fluke about it, nor was it a close thing, except possibly as regards time. There was no doubt it; the K.C.C. got a real good licking which, on the play, they thoroughly deserved. It is one of the pleasant features of cricket as played here that I am enabled to make this statement entirely on the authority of K.C.C. players to whom I spoke after the match.

No Stone-Cold Certainty.

It has been freely asserted that "the Indians have made sure of the League." It is certainly very probable that they will secure the Shield but it is not a certainty. They have one match more to play, against Craigengower. It will not take place for nearly two months, and this alone may upset them. Besides, though Craigengower have not been doing well lately, they are just sort of team to spring a surprise. The position is this. If (and a big if), the I.R.C. beat Craigengower, they definitely win the Shield. That is admitted. But if Craigengower play up to their true form, they should at least draw. As I have said, they might win. Now if they draw, the result is that the Indians finish minus four points. If, however, they beat I.R.C., then the Indians finish minus five points. Now, take the rest of the teams, and suppose they win all the rest of their matches. It is unlikely, I admit, but suppose one of them does. (Of course, they couldn't all do it!) Then C.S.C.C., University, R.A., and Craigengower could finish minus three points only. H.K.C.C. could finish minus four, and K.C.C. five. There is, of course, the very strongest probability that none of these clubs will manage to go through with consecutive wins. But strong possibility has a way of being upset at cricket. And so, though I admit the I.R.C. have the very strongest chance, I must point out that from the cricket or mathematical point of view it is not yet a stone-cold certainty.

The K.C.C. Game.

Turning to the play in this most important match, I fancy that the wicket did not wear very well. And this did not help Lyl's avowed policy of putting the I.R.C. in. He was perfectly right. It was by far his best chance of a definite win and he was, very rightly, prepared to gamble that against the chance of a definite loss. In my opinion, he took the sporting course.

That Bowling.

There is no doubt that the K.C.C. bowling was decidedly of colour. I still think Lyl undervalues Hung's bowling a bit. He himself, however, bowled excellently—or so I am told. But Goodwin, who had lumbago, Brace, and Burnett failed to do anything with the ball. It is unusual to hear ill reports of the K.C.C. fielding, but apart from Teddy Fincher they were said to be rotten! Possibly, however, those who sat in judgment had gloved hands tucked into overcoat pockets. It was uncommonly cold fielding, and the thing that surprises me is the fact that the Indians fielded so brilliantly. I have always had the idea that great cold rather suited them up. Everyone remarked on Minu's bowling. He will no doubt get an extended trial in the later part of the season, as he is far and away the best slow medium left-hander we have. Pereira managed to get a good deal of kick from a pitch that was not playing very well. Brace was out to one which bumbled up to the chest, and gave him no time to get his bat out of the way. Apart from him, Zimmerman alone played good cricket, though Lyl, who was far from fit, hung on grimly for a bit. Hung, I think, was unlucky to be given out.

The Navy Match.

As was expected, the Civil Service beat the Navy on the King's Park ground. Sayer and Richardson started very well and sent the hundred up. It was only when one got to close quarters with the wicket that one realised what an excellent bit of work this was. The Navy bowling was not quite on the spot. Jowitt definitely has been over-bowled and would do with a rest, I think. He caught a couple of nice catches, however. Glass was on the short side, and Sayer and Richardson both hooked the short stuff very prettily. Sayer's average against the Navy this year is a hundred and twelve for three innings.

When the Navy batted things began to happen. The ball seemed to hang on the pitch and then come on again quite fast, with a big bump as a rule. It was particularly bad at the Harbour end. Bowling from that end, Reed met with great success. His length was not immaculate but he usually produced the good 'um to get the wicket in due course. His only poor wicket was when Glass omitted to notice that a rank long hop had turned about a foot from leg and pat it carefully into Sayer's hands at cover. Bounphrey alone played him confidently, driving tremendously hard. He, however, was rather a victim of the pitch as, after several bumping balls from Baker, one kept fairly low and bowled him. The last wicket fell just before 5.45 p.m. and it was just as well. The skippers had apparently regarded that time as the official one for the drawing of stumps. Whereas six o'clock is correct for January. As a matter of fact the light was much less puzzling at that time than it had been at half-past four, and I noticed that the conditions at ten past six were playable.

That Navy Ground.

It is due, of course, to the high and open position of the ground that one can play so late. But the ground is a tragedy. A pitch for hockey on each side of the wicket-space in the centre cuts up the outfield, though that is not so bad. But the only thing to do is to take the middle square right up, put in some black earth, and return. Until then, and perhaps this may not be possible in April next, the Navy will be well advised to put down a matted wicket. No one prefers it to a good grass wicket, but it is infinitely preferable to a thoroughly bad grass one, which by the way has very bad effects on batsmanship.

The light by the way is most extraordinary there. At about five p.m. the sun was shining obliquely on to the rocky cliff at the north end (roughly), and it was quite impossible to see the ball for a second or so after it left the bat. I happen to know because a terrific drive of Bounphrey's became visible about a yard from me. But for a graceful inclination of the body, my Editor would be looking for a new occupant for his warren.

To-morrow's Games.

Unless the University or the Gunners have fixed up games, there are only four senior League teams playing to-morrow afternoon, and only K.C.C. and Civil Service have the League points at stake. The game will be played at Happy Valley and should be worth watching. The Civil Service will again be without Griffiths who is in the Interport trials on the Rucker ground next door. He was absent last Saturday, and no one took his place. (I forgot to mention that the Navy very sportingly lent the C.S. a soldier during the whole of the innings last Saturday). To-morrow De Rome comes in. I doubt if either side will manage to get the other out in time to force a win, so unless a collapse occurs, there is every prospect of a draw. The C.S.C.C. are slightly more likely to do this than their visitors. I will venture a small wager that they will bat first. The K.C.C. are relying on the same team as that of last week.

A Friendly.

The Club are going down to S. to one which bumbled up to the chest, and gave him no time to get his bat out of the way. Apart from him, Zimmerman alone played good cricket, though Lyl, who was far from fit, hung on grimly for a bit. Hung, I think, was unlucky to be given out.

A Coming Man.

I was asked the other day who Siedle, the South African cricketer was. I didn't know, but I find that he is a Natal man, who celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday last Sunday. His chief claim to fame is that he shared in the fourth highest recorded partnership for the first wicket in first class cricket. This was accomplished at Bloemfontein for Natal v. The Orange Free State, in the New Year match, 1926-1927, when he went in first with J. F. W. Nicholson in the second innings and they put up four hundred and twenty-four for the wicket. They actually had put on ninety-eight for the first wicket in the first innings. It is interesting to note that the other three scores which beat this are (a) 554 by J. T. Brown and J. Tunncliffe for Yorkshire v. Derbyshire at Chesterfield in 1895, (b) 459 by E. R. Mayo and W. H. Ponsford for Victoria v. Queensland at Melbourne in 1923-1925, and (c) 428 by Hobbs and Sandham for Surrey v. Oxford University at the Oval in 1920.

Sunday Cricket.

I still find it difficult to make up my mind about cricket on Sunday. I think that to play cricket-regularly on that day—League matches, etc.—would be a mistake—certainly from the point of view of a family man. An occasional game is a different matter and most enjoyable. Two such games were played last Sunday, one at Happy Valley and the other at Pokfulam.

Volunteers Beat Richardson's Team.

In this game which was played on the C.S. ground, F. S. W. Smith, Mitchell, Ginter, Alan Reid, Hutchison, and Witham all helped themselves pretty freely from a very moderate attack. Jowitt alone met with much success. Richardson's team, which was a weak C.S. "A" team, stiffened with one Navy man and one policeman, did not do very well against Reid and Beck. Mitchell, by the way, took his annual wicket. Richardson himself followed up his good scores of the previous day with a nice seventy-five.

University Past and Present Win.

At Pokfulam the University compiled one hundred and seventy-six, thanks largely to their first two batsmen, Rodrigues and S. V. Gittins. Pereira and R. Leo were both bowling for the League, but though not expensive they met with little success. Glass, with five for thirty-four in fourteen overs, was the man who did the real damage. The League had quite a fair batting side but failed rather badly. Sayer and R. Leo alone doing anything.

Notes Points of the Law.

I was asked the other day if the Laws of Cricket obliged an umpire to stand where the bowler wished. I replied then that so long as he stood on the line of the wicket it was customary for an umpire to meet the bowler's wishes as to how far from the wicket he should stand, always providing that the batsman was not inconvenienced thereby. On looking up the rules, the only definite line I can get lies in the "Instructions to Umpires" issued by the M.C.C. in 1923. "An umpire should stand where he can clearly see the act upon which his decision may be required." This obviously demands his obtaining a clear view down the line of the sticks from the bowlers end. He should not stand so close up to the wicket that he worries the bowler, some people touch the wicket every time they bowl, nor should he stand so that the bowler may hide behind him until the last possible moment of his run! That is to say, when a bowler has a curved run and bowls from the opposite side of the sticks to that on which he begins to run, the umpire must stand back far enough to let the bowler pass between him and the batsman. In point of fact, if you do what is the fairest thing for everybody, you are pretty sure to be within the law of cricket.

The Tie.

Some time ago I raised the question of the proper division of the points when a match is tied. I gave my reason for considering that one and a half points should go to each side. All my dearest friends, with that acuteness of intellect which causes me to regard them as such, assured me that they should be scored as in a draw. Now Rule 2 of the Laws for one-day matches says "The match unless played out shall be decided on the first innings. N.B.—A tie is included in the words played out." Very well then why score the points of a draw for a played out match?

The Boundaries.

There is one point upon which most umpires have their own particular opinion. Some think that on the Hong Kong Club ground the boundary is the grass bank by Queen's Road, and some think the iron railings above it have to be cleared. The latter school of thought is the correct one. "The boundary in front of the Pavilion at Lord's is the rails and not the grass slope." R. ABBIT.

FOOTBALL TRIAL.

INTERPORT TEAM TO PLAY THE ARMY.

MATCH FIXED FOR TUESDAY.

The Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association informs us that an Interport trial match has been arranged against the Army on Tuesday next, kick-off at 4.30 p.m., on the Club ground, Happy Valley.

The following have been selected to represent the Interport team:—Clarke (Police); Li Tin Sang (S. China) and O. W. E. Bishop (Club) Captain; Hedley (Kowloon), Oram (Police) and Lam Yuk Ying (Athletic); B. Gosano (Recreio, Segalen Club), A. V. Gosano (Recreio), Fung King Chung and Ip Pak Wa (S. China). Reserves: Strange, McBride, A. Duncan (Club), Sun Kana Shun (Athletic).

Club Secretaries are requested to warn the players and reserves chosen for the trial match.

The S'hai Football Association are sending down a team to Hong Kong for the Interport matches to take place during China New Year, which falls during the third week in February.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH CUP MATCH REPLAYS.

THREE GAMES AGAIN DRAWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 14.

Middlesbrough and Bradford City, whose meeting in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup Competition had to be postponed last Saturday, carried out their fixture to-day, but they failed to reach a decision. The final score was one goal each side.

Seven replays in the Fourth Round were also undertaken in the afternoon, but only four teams qualified for the next round. The successful teams were the Arsenal (Cup-Totter), who beat the Villa by a margin of two goals, Brentford, Sheffield United, and Bury, the last-named scoring the deciding goal after extra time. In the case of the three matches which were again drawn extra time proved of no assistance.

Replay Results.

The following were the results of the Fourth Round replays and the present position of the draw:—

Aston Villa	1	Arsenal	3
Cardiff	1	Brentford	2
York	0	Sheffield U.	2
Manchester U.	0	Stoke	0
Reading	1	Crystal P.	1
Charlton	1	West Brom.	1
Torquay	1	Bury	2

* After extra time.
Crystal P. v. Everton.
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League Results.

Four matches played in the English League resulted as under:—Division I.—Bolton 2, Liverpool 0. Division III. (Southern)—Exeter 2, Fulham 2; Bristol R. 3, Queen's P.R. 0. Division III. (Northern)—Wrexham 4, Doncaster 1.

GOLF.

ADAMSON CUP RESULTS.

In the qualifying round of the Adamson Cup G. McLeod 82-18=64 qualified. Other scores—A. Brookbank 80-19=72, H. Edmonds 85-12=73, H. Moody 88-16=74.

LOCAL RUGGER.

A second Interport trial game will take place on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow when the following teams will take the field:—Club Colours:—Back, J. P. Whitman; three-quarters, J. J. Ferguson, E. R. Allera, R. H. Griffiths, G. R. More; halves, M. W. Turner, J. W. King; forwards, D. L. Milne Day, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, E. R. West, F. R. Burch, E. B. Gannell, E. F. Buttress, R. P. Massey (Capt.).

Rest:—Back, L. Corpl. Fraitham (Army); three-quarters, Lieut. Douglas (Army), Lieut. Hamilton (Army), G. A. L. Plummer (Club), G. P. Lammert (Club); halves, L. Corpl. Ross (Army), Lieut. Charsley (Army); forwards, L. Corpl. Pratt (Army), A. R. Cox (Club), F. O. Beamish (Navy), W. Hardley (Club), Surg.-Jt. Nicolson (Navy) (Capt.), Hubbock (Navy), J. B. Atkinson (Club), Eng.-Nat. Wilkinson (Navy).

The Rest to play in red and white jerseys, obtainable at the ground.

CRICKET.

CLUB TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The Club teams for their matches with the I.R.C. to-morrow will be:—

1st XI. (Away):—T. E. Pearce, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, A. Reid, E. R. Duckitt, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowler, H. F. Green, O. E. O. Martin, G. R. More, and Rigg.

2nd XI. (Home):—H. J. Armstrong, P. W. L. Planner, C. D. Wright, R. H. Wild, J. D. A. Hutchison, C. E. Gahagan, R. S. W. Paterson, J. R. Way, R. H. Davies, E. C. Etherington, and R. M. Airey.

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MISS BONDFIELD IN COURT CASE.

JUDGE MAKES A RULE AGAINST HER.

A rule nisi was granted against Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour, in a King's Bench court last month.

The rule called on Miss Bondfield to show cause why she should not be prohibited from making an order under the Trade Boards Acts of 1909 and 1919 with regard to what was called the catering trade.

Sir Reginald Mitchell Banks, K.C., moved the rule on behalf of the National Trade Defence Association and other societies for the protection of the licensing trade.

Sir Reginald said Miss Bondfield proposed to apply the Acts to what she described as the catering trade.

Such a phrase was indefinite, and her definition included the licensing trade, light refreshment trade, the hotel trade, the fried fish trade, the ice cream trade, canteens, etc. It

was an attempt to group all those trades in one. This was beyond her power, because she could only specify a definite existing trade.

The Reasoning.

Mr. Justice Avery said the order defined a catering establishment as "an undertaking wholly or mainly engaged in the preparation, supply, or serving of food or drink for consumption on the premises, or places where such food was served by persons in the employment of the undertaker." The order, however, was not to include work performed in the construction, preparation, furnishing or decoration of premises.

Sir Reginald said he was unable to follow the reasoning of the definition.

Mr. Justice Avery: There is none, is there?

Sir Reginald said that in the licensing trade the order excluded all off-licence establishments which were not entering establishments under the definition.

Mr. Justice Avery: You may take a rule.

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THE F.M.S. AND THE TIN QUOTA SCHEME.

MEETING OF MINERS IN KUALA LUMPUR.

CHINESE SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS.

SINGAPORE, January 5.

The first authoritative indications as to the manner in which the tin restriction scheme is being received in the Malayan mining districts were forthcoming at a crowded meeting of European and Chinese miners held in Kuala Lumpur.

The meeting was also important in that Mr. G. E. Greig, the Senior Warden of Mines, in the course of a brief address and in dealing with a bombardment of questions, gave the fullest information as to the working of the scheme that has yet been obtainable.

Mr. Greig stated that hoarding of stocks on mines beyond the allotted export quotas would ruin the scheme and would not be permitted. He stressed the fact that Government expressed no opinion one way or the other, but merely sought the opinion of the miners. The scheme, if adopted, might come into force in Malaya on March 1.

Few opinions for or against the scheme were expressed during the meeting, and two of the leading Chinese residents of Selangor spoke strongly supporting the scheme.

Advice to Chinese Miners.

Mr. Choo Kia Peng said it was already known more or less that the majority of European producers were in favour of the scheme. If they failed with this scheme it seemed to him that the onus would be on the Chinese miners, and it was a very great responsibility for them to adopt any other method than support of the scheme.

If it was thought that the bulk of Chinese miners were against the scheme the price would go below £100 immediately. It had been keeping up because of uncertainty. As a Chinese and a miner he could see the responsibility on the shoulders of the Chinese. Looking at the question from all sides, was it better to get the best possible terms for gravel pump and lode mines or to leave the whole scheme unsupported? If they did the latter, the price would go down to a level which would compel all these mines to close down automatically. Between the two evils he chose support of the scheme because there was a possible chance of the price going up if the scheme was carried, as against a possible chance of the price going below £100 if it failed. The scheme was the only way to meet the situation, as far as he could see.

Mr. Lai Tei Loke said that they were between the devil and the deep sea, and he would go a step further than Mr. Kia Peng and ask the Government to introduce the scheme if only forty per cent. of mining opinion favoured it. Restriction must be brought in; otherwise he could see nothing but wholesale failures from one State to the other.

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WARNING AGAINST HOARDING STOCK.

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 3.

The intense interest which has been aroused by the Government's invitation to the F.M.S. miners to express their opinions on the tin restriction scheme was shown by the attendance of nearly a hundred persons, mostly Chinese, at a meeting held here on Saturday under the auspices of the Selangor Miners' Association to discuss the scheme.

It will be recalled that the scheme involves the reduction of Malayan tin exports for 1931 to 22,000 tons, representing a reduction of 22 per cent. in this country's exports in 1929. The Nigerian, Bolivian and Dutch Governments have agreed to reduce exports on a similar basis if Malaya joins in the scheme, and the F.M.S. Government has offered to consider legislation to enforce the scheme if the bulk of mining opinion in its territory is in favour of it. The miners have been circumspect by Government, and their replies were sent in by January 12.

Not the Only Villain.

Mr. A. H. Flowerdew presided at Saturday's meeting, and at the opening invited Mr. G. E. Greig, the Senior Warden of Mines, to address the gathering.

"I do not propose to go into any of the causes of the trouble we are suffering from now," said Mr. Greig. "It would be rather invidious and it means a great many questions to be gone into. But I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the dredger is not the only villain in the piece. There are a lot of other causes, besides dredging. The increased prices which prevailed for three years are one of them. Another is the collapse of the boom in America. Decreased consumption is equally to blame with increased production."

"The Tin Producers' Association have been trying for the last twelve months or more to effect some form of restriction, so as to endeavour to balance the consumption and production, the latter having overcome consumption by a very considerable amount. Whereas the usual visible supplies are from twenty to twenty-five thousand tons, they are now over 40,000, and I shudder to think how many more thousand tons of hidden supplies there may be."

Efforts at Restriction.

"The Tin Producers' Association's efforts at restriction during the past year started with a week-end stoppage plus one week a month. That was a wash-out. Then they tried twenty per cent. off. That had a certain amount of effect. Some did it and some did not, but it did have a certain amount of effect. Then—getting rather desperate—they stopped for two months. That certainly had the effect of preventing a lot of tin from going on to the market that would have been marked if they had not stopped, but it had very little effect on the price, which went down and down and down. That was the last of their efforts as far as voluntary restriction was concerned."

"By that time they had formed an international committee, consisting of miners from Malaya, Nigeria, Bolivia and the Dutch, and they came to the conclusion that the only thing to do was to approach the four Governments and ask them to restrict the export of tin from those four countries, with the hope, perhaps, of getting others to come in later. Nigeria, consisting of a few groups of companies, agreed. Bolivia, consisting of a few large mines,

agreed; the Dutch, consisting of Banks, which is a one-man show, and two small islands, agreed; and now they wait on us."

"We are nothing like these interests. There are anything up to a thousand mines or producers to be consulted, and the situation now is that they are waiting to find out whether Malaya is going to come in."

Government Attitude.

"Government does not express any opinion one way or the other, but says that it will follow the opinion of the bulk of the producers, and that is what I am here for: to explain the scheme to you, so that you may be in a position to inform Government whether you approve of the scheme of restriction or not, and, if you disapprove, what your reasons are."

"Your opinions will be all based on tonnage. That is to say: the opinion of a man producing a thousand piculs a month will be worth twice the opinion of a man producing five hundred piculs a month. That is the only possible basis on which you can work these things—the actual amount of tonnage produced. It stands to reason that the large producer must have more say in the matter than the small one, and, apart from that, it is quite impossible for anyone to say whether one man's opinion is worth more than another's."

"That is the situation as it stands at present, and on the strength of that I issued the circular which you have all seen, and which explains quite generally what is proposed. I am now here to go into any further details that you want to know about, regarding the method by which this restriction will be effected and any possible effect it may have on you."

1931 Production.

Mr. E. F. Harris asked what would be the effect of the scheme on mines coming into production in 1931.

Mr. Greig: I imagine the attitude will be that if you can prove that you have spent money or otherwise made preparations for opening up new mines, that will be taken into consideration. But normally new proposals from now on will not be considered."

Cleaning Out Stocks.

Mr. Greig said that as to stocks it was presumed that at Chinese New Year the stocks would be pretty well cleaned out. It had not been decided what date the restriction scheme would come into force, if it did so, but it was quite possible that as far as Malaya was concerned it would come in on March 1, which would be after the Chinese New Year.

Mr. Bockett asked how the scheme would deal with the mines which were on poor ground in 1929 and since then had got on to much richer ground.

Mr. Greig replied that if they could persuade the assessment committee that the mines were on poor ground in 1929 and since then had got on to much richer ground, they would be able to get the assessment committee to take that into consideration, in the same way as they would consider the possession of two dredges by a company which had only one in 1929.

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GIRL DEFIES A JUDGE.

REMARKABLE SCENE AT THE OLD BAILEY.

There was a remarkable scene at the Old Bailey when a fifteen-year-old girl refused to take the oath when called to give evidence against Stephen Jennings, a costermonger, aged forty, who was accused of an offence against her.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.) remarked sharply, "Take the book in your hand and be sworn." The girl, who looked older than her years, shook her head.

Sir Ernest: I order you to take the book. You hear what I say?—Yes.

Then take the book, and be sworn.—I am not going to say it. I have given evidence twice.

Sir Ernest: And you must do it again. You will either give evidence or go to prison, and there you will remain.

Reported Missing.

The girl's mother was called and tried to reason with her, but she still declined to give evidence.

Eventually the girl was taken out of court by her mother and two women probation officers to see if she could be persuaded to alter her mind.

The girl was brought back into court, and, on being asked by Sir Ernest if she was now willing to do as she was told, she replied emphatically, "No, sir."

It was stated that she came to London from Cambridge after having been reported missing from her home on several occasions.

Mr. Seaton, for Jennings, said that the girl might be described as a danger to society, as any one she could get hold of ran great peril of being charged with the offence Jennings was now accused of.

Mr. Seaton said that he understood the girl was wandering in the streets of Pennyfields, Limehouse, after midnight without any visible means of support when Jennings saw her. She told him that her father and mother were dead, and that she had come from Liverpool.

Refused to Leave.

Jennings took her into his house purely out of kindness, and the next morning she would not leave. She said she was twenty-one years of age.

A woman probation officer at Toynbee Hall juvenile court said that the girl had been charged with wandering without visible means of subsistence, and had been committed to a Staffordshire reformatory. She had only been kept back until the present case was concluded.

Sir Ernest said that were it not for the circumstances brought to his notice, if the girl preferred to remain mute, he would have remanded her in custody until she did speak.

Jennings might well have thought the girl was two or three years older than she was, and he would be bound over for twelve months in the sum of £10.

Sir Ernest remarked: "Take that young woman away out of my sight."

MATRON IN HOSPITAL SCENE.

FINED FOR PULLING HAIR OF A CARETAKER.

A hospital matron, Mrs. Florence Stobard, aged forty, was fined 30s. at Newcastle last month on charges of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Margaret Whitehead, a caretaker, by pulling her hair.

Miss Whitehead said she was cleaning the premises at the Newcastle Dental Hospital when the matron returned there.

The matron, who had not been on friendly terms with her for some time, was under the influence of drink, took hold of her arm, and chest and pushed her backwards.

She escaped to the board-room, where a meeting was in progress, and surgeons ran to her assistance. Ten minutes later, the matron came back into the room where she was and said, "what do you think of yourself?" She attacked her again, pulling her hair and pushing her about. Three surgeons rescued her, and the matron refused to leave the premises at the Governor's request. Still shouting and struggling, she was taken into custody by two policemen.

Mrs. Stobard said she had been attending a deathbed, and when she returned to the hospital, the woman was impudent to her.

The B.I.s. Talamba will leave Amoy for this port on the 17th instant and is due here on the afternoon of the 18th instant.

MYSTERY TRAMP SPY.

SECRETS SOLD TO ANY NATION.

Graphic details concerning the mystery man, speaking nine languages, now in the hands of the Boulogne police, who believe him to be an international spy, are coming to light.

When arrested in the streets of Boulogne as a tramp he gave his name as Georges Schellking, and described himself as a British subject, born in Russia. He gave his age as 27.

M. Liger, the special Police Commissioner, was struck by Schellking's erudition, and sent word of this polyglot tramp to the counter-espionage service in Paris. A detective was then sent to question Schellking.

Sentences.

He finally admitted, according to the police, that he was a spy. When only 20 he acted as interpreter to the Inter-Allied Commission in the Rhineland, but soon began to act for the counter-espionage service in Paris. A detective was then sent to question Schellking.

He travelled in Germany, Belgium, Great Britain and France, not working for any one nation but, according to the police account, admitting that he sold his services for what he could get. He was sent back and forth from one country to another and sentenced in several cases for espionage.

It is alleged that Schellking, from 1925 onwards, spent three years in Soviet Russia. But he refused information as to what he did there.

Two Cheques.

Trace of him was picked up at the beginning of the year on the Riviera, where, it is declared, a leading member of a foreign espionage organisation handed him two cheques, one for £130 and the other for £30.

Schellking is stated to have boasted that he worked in Germany and Russia for the Soviets and in France and Belgium for Great Britain.

He will only have to answer the charge of vagrancy at Boulogne, after which he will probably be sent to Paris and placed at the disposal of the counter-espionage service.

EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rupee, January 14.	
Paris	123.81
New York	4.85 16/32
Brussels	34.83
Geneva	25.06
Amsterdam	12.00
Milan	92.74
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.16
Oso	18.16
Vienna	34.52
Prague	104
Helsinki	192
Madrid	48.95
Lisbon	108.16
Athens	328
Bucharest	818
Rio	49/10
Buenos Aires	37/10
Montevideo	32
Bombay	1/5
Hong Kong	1/15
Yokohama	2/15/32
Silver (spot)	13

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 16, 1931.

On LONDON:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 114
Bank Bills, on demand	114
Bank Bills, 4 months	114
1/2 sight	114
Credit, 4 months	114
Documents, 4 months	114
1/2 sight	114

On PARIS:—	Bank Bills, on demand	600
Credit, 4 months	sight	640
On NEW YORK:—	Bank Bills, on demand	234
Credit, 90 days	sight	244

ON BOMBAY:—	Telegraphic Transfer	} 65
	Bank, on demand ...	
ON CALCUTTA:—		

On	Telegraphic Transfer...	} 65 3/4
	Bank, on demand ...	
On SHANGHAI:—		} Tls. 74
	Bank, at sight	
		} \$2 1/4 dis.

ON YOKOHAMA:—	On demand	—
ON MANILA.—On demand...		47½
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	417

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	1/5/16
BANK SILVER, per oz	3

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived:

Mr. Wm. Russell, Miss. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Way, Mrs. W. J. Plomley, Mr. R. J. Birrell, Mrs. J. E. Johns and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardwick, Mrs. E. M. O'Kane, Master Derek Berg.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

FOOCHOW.

Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 16.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 20.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 23.
Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 23.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 25.
Chipsing, Jardine's, Feb. 5.

GENOA.

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.
Sauerland, Jobsen, Feb. 5.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Pros. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 15.
Pelusa, B.F., Feb. 20.
Cracivia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.

GLASGOW.

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Laomedon, B.F., Feb. 1.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 19.
Pelusa, B.F., Feb. 20.

GOTHENBURG.

Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.

HAI PHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Jan. 17.
Kiungchow, B. & S., Jan. 29.

HAMBURG.

Kazembe, Bank, Jan. 19.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24/25.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.
Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.
Sauerland, Jobsen, Feb. 5.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 9.
City of Lille, Bank, Feb. 9.

HAVRE.

Kazembe, Bank, Jan. 19.
Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Laomedon, B.F., Feb. 1.
Pelusa, B.F., Feb. 20.

HONOLULU.

Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.

ILOILO.

Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.

JAPAN PORTS.

Taishan, Dodwell's, Jan. 16.
Kashgar, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Taima, B.I., Jan. 17, 9 a.m.
Automedon, B.F., Jan. 19.
City of Wellington, Bank, Jan. 19.
Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 19.
Glenagary, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Glenagary, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Tondra, M.M., Jan. 20.
Pros. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 22.
Shantung, Gilman's, Jan. 22.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Lycan, B.F., Jan. 25.

Helena, B.F., Jan. 26.
Eurylochus, F.F., Jan. 27.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 27.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Ramses, Jobsen, Jan. 29.
Venezia-L. Dodwell's, Jan. 30.
Malwa, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Tyndarus, B.F., Jan. 31.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Glenagary, Jardine's, Feb. 2.
Nippon, Gilman's, Feb. 2.
Chenoncaux, M.M., Feb. 3.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 3.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Feb. 5.
Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 6.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 6.
Leverkusen, Jobsen, Feb. 7.
Machon, B.F., Feb. 7.
Cracivia, Dodwell's, Feb. 10.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.
Carnavonshire, Jardine's, Feb. 13.
Khyber, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Autolycus, B.F., Feb. 15.
Athos II. M.M., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Sauerland, Jobsen, Feb. 17.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Feb. 19.
Tilawa, B.I., Feb. 20.
Alke, Melchers, Feb. 21.
Protailaus, B.F., Feb. 21.
Eumaeus, B.F., Feb. 22.

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Bank Bills, 4 months 114
1/2 sight 114
Credit, 4 months 114
Documents, 4 months 114
1/2 sight 114

On PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand 600
Credit, 4 months sight 640
On NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand 234
Credit, 90 days sight 244

On HONG KONG:—
Telegraphic Transfer 65
Bank on demand 65
On CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer 65
Bank on demand 65

On SHANGHAI:—
Bank, at sight 62.4
On YOKOHAMA:—
On demand 47
On MANILA:—On demand 47
On SINGAPORE:—
On demand 41

On BATAVIA:—On demand 68
On HAI PHONG:—
On demand 60
On SAIGON:—On demand 60
On BANGKOK:—
On demand 186

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate 1/5/16
BANK SILVER, per oz 3

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1/2 sight 114

ALEXANDRIA.

Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Pros. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 3.

AMOI.

Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 16.
Tjialak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 16.
Taima, B.I., Jan. 17, 9 a.m.
Hupch, B. & S., Jan. 19.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 20.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 22.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 22.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 23.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 27.
Tajuan, B. & S., Jan. 27.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 3.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 6.
Tilawa, B.I., Feb. 20.

ANTWERP.

Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 9.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 20.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.
Nellere, E. & A., Jan. 31.
Chungte, B. & S., Feb. 16.
Kilano Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.

BALTIC PORTS.

Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.

BALTIMORE.

Foylebank, Bank, Jan. 31.
Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.
Lossiebank, Bank, Feb. 11.

BANGKOK.

Kwanchow, B. & S., Jan. 15.
Kaigan, B. & S., Jan. 25.

BARCELONA.

Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.

BELOWAN-DELI.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Jan. 15.

BOMBAY.

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Kamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 30.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Feb. 4.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Carrigano, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.

BOSTON.

Taishan, Dodwell's, Jan. 16.
Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.
Foylebank, Bank, Jan. 31.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 6.
Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.
Pros. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Lossiebank, Bank, Feb. 11.

BREMEN.

Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
BRINDISI.

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Havel, Melchers, Jan. 26.
Eurylochus, F.F., Jan. 27.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 27.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Ramses, Jobsen, Jan. 29.
Venezia-L. Dodwell's, Jan. 30.
Malwa, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Tyndarus, B.F., Jan. 31.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Glenagary, Jardine's, Feb. 2.
Nippon, Gilman's, Feb. 2.
Chenoncaux, M.M., Feb. 3.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 3.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Feb. 5.
Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 6.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 6.
Leverkusen, Jobsen, Feb. 7.
Machon, B.F., Feb. 7.
Cracivia, Dodwell's, Feb. 10.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.
Carnavonshire, Jardine's, Feb. 13.
Khyber, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Autolycus, B.F., Feb. 15.
Athos II. M.M., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Sauerland, Jobsen, Feb. 17.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Feb. 19.
Tilawa, B.I., Feb. 20.
Alke, Melchers, Feb. 21.
Protailaus, B.F., Feb. 21.
Eumaeus, B.F., Feb. 22.

CALCUTTA.

Alkita Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.
Kosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 20, 3 p.m.
Talamba Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 2.
Taima, B.I., Feb. 6.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Feb. 14.

CASABLANCA.

Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.

CEBU.

Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.

CHEFOO.

Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 23.
Kueichow, B. & S., Feb. 3.

COLOMBO.

Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.
General Metzing, M.M., Jan. 20.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Glenagary, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Feb. 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Pros. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Porthos, M.M., Feb. 17.
Carrovia, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.

COPENHAGEN.

Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.

DALNY.

Chenian, B. & S., Jan. 19.
Linan, B. & S., Jan. 20.
Antenor, B.F., Feb. 7.

DUTCH PORTS.

Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Kazembe, Bank, Jan. 19.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24/25.
Glenagary, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.
Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.
Sauerland, Jobsen, Feb. 5.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 9.
City of Lille, Bank, Feb. 9.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.

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OLD SUNDAY LAWS. DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

PLAN TO EXPOSE THEIR "ABSURDITY."

PROMINENT PERSONS TO BE CHARGED?

The Manchester and Salford Sunday Games and Freedom League are considering steps by which, in the words of their chairman (Mr. E. T. Heys), they may "expose the ridiculous nature of obsolete Acts of Parliament which now govern the observance of Sunday."

"We are," said Mr. Heys to a Manchester Guardian representative, "taking legal opinion as to the scope of the Lord's Day Observance Act and an earlier Act of Charles II. As soon as we have obtained that opinion the committee will meet and decide what action shall be taken. Quite frankly, the idea in mind is to take such proceedings under the Acts as will make clear to everybody in a striking way how absurd under the conditions of modern social life are the provisions relating to Sunday observance."

Mr. Heys added that what the committee had in mind was to inform against people prominent in the public eye for doing accepted things, such as riding in a vehicle, which were forbidden by the Acts.

Search for a Victim.

In reply to questions he said he was aware it had been reported that they proposed to take proceedings against bishops and certain other people. "That," he declared, "is not quite true, and ought not to have been stated. Up to the present we have had nobody in mind."

"We do not yet know precisely, what our legal position is, and cannot act until we do, but when Acts of Parliament that are assumed to be still in force appear to forbid many things which are now done with impunity on Sunday and which no one appears to reprehend, we do think it would be a striking means of drawing public attention to the absurdity of existing restrictions to secure the conviction of some prominent person or persons for breaches of Sabbath observance, and so furthering the measures of freedom for which we contend."

As a propaganda measure the league proposes shortly to issue a pamphlet under the title "Putting the Sun into Sunday."

"We are not trying to prevent anyone from observing Sunday as he wishes," declared Mr. Heys. "We stand for freedom—freedom of worship, freedom to play games, and freedom to indulge in any proper form of enjoyment. It is stated that it is not the intention of the league to make use of the Act in Manchester only, but that it will probably be brought into operation throughout the country by prominent public officials being served with summonses for Sabbath-breaking."

SCHOOLS LINK ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH CONDITIONS IN U.S.

Over 10 schools in England and America have been linked in pairs under a scheme of which Dr. Cyril Norwood, head of Harrow School, is president of the English section.

The linked schools will exchange newspapers and periodicals, and will keep in constant correspondence across the Atlantic.

Harrow School has been linked with the Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire. St. Paul's School, West Kensington, has a link with William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia.

Other schools which are linked are: St. Paul's Girls' School, Brook Green, W.; Blackheath High School, S.E.; Ross School, Greenwich, S.E.; Strand School, Brixton Hill, S.W.; Holloway School, Cammerford, N.W.; County Secondary School, Putney, S.W.; Parliament Hill County School, N.W.; Mary Datchelor School, Camberwell, S.E.; Addy and Stanhope School, New Cross, S.E.; Perceps School, Cambridge.

Bedford Modern School; Oundle School (Northants); Roedean School, Brighton; St. Albans High School for Girls.

Dr. G. W. Reilly, of the Holt Secondary School, Liverpool, hon. sec. of the English committee, said:

"During my tour in the United States I found teachers and scholars enthusiastic about the idea. The hundred or so schools that have been linked so far will grow into a formidable list."

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

THURS. JAN. 15.				THURS. JAN. 15.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks							
\$1,686	...	1,657/5	75	H.K. Banks	\$1,900	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (London)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. "C"	...	...	...
\$115	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	\$120	...	...
Insurance							
...	...	...	...	Canton Insurance	\$1,300	...	...
\$3.10	\$3.20	...	\$1,200	Underwriters	\$2.15	...	...
T.180	...	...	...	North Chinas	...	...	...
\$685	...	...	...	Union Insurance	\$585	...	...
...	...	...	...	Yangtze Insurance	...	...	...
\$470	...	...	\$1,300	China Fires	\$460	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Fires	...	...	...
Shipping							
...	...	...	...	Douglases	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Steamboats	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indes (pref.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shell Transport	72/3	...	...
...	\$39	...	74/4	Water-boats	\$39	...	...
Mining							
\$11	...	...	...	Bonquets	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Kailans	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Langkate (comb.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (single)	...	...	...
T.51	...	...	...	Extractions	...	...	...
...	\$40	...	...	Shanghai Loans	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Rauhs	\$30 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Troch Mines	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves,							
Godowns, etc.							
...	\$172	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharfs	...	...	...
\$5.40	...	...	...	Providents (old)	\$5.35	...	...
...	\$2.85	...	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...
\$390	...	...	...	H.K. Docks	\$30	...	...
...	...	...	...	South China Motors	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	New Engineerings	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Hongkows	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels, and							
Buildings							
\$12.70	...	12 1/12	83	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...
...	\$54	...	...	H.K. Lands (old)	...	...	...
...	\$39 1/2	...	...	Do. (new) A	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) B	...	...	...
T.34	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
\$9.10	...	...	...	H.K. Realty	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Humphreys	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. rights	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
Cotton Mills							
T.14	...	T13.85	...	Ewes	T13.85	...	...
T.9 1/2	...	...	...	Shai Cottons	...	...	...
T.10	...	...	...	Zoong Sings	...	...	...
Public Utilities							
...	\$18	...	...	Tramways	\$17 1/2	\$18	\$17.50
...	...	...	...	Loak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	\$8 1/2	...	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Star Lights	...	...	...
...	\$25 1/2	25.40	...	China Electric	...	...	...
...	\$30 1/2	...	...	Do. Electric	\$79.80	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macao do	...	...	...
\$12	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephone (fully pd.)	...	...	...
...	\$23	...	...	Do. (part pd.)	\$22 1/2	\$23	...
...	...	...	...	China Buses	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Traction	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (pref.)	...	...	...
Industrials							
...	...	...	...	Caldbeck, (ord.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macgregors (pref.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constr. Irons	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cements (comb.)	\$17.45	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (old)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	\$12.60	\$12 1/2	...	Ropes	\$13	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Sugars	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Malaban Sugars	...	...	...
Miscellaneous							
...	...	...	...	Dairy Farms (old)	\$26.60	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	\$24.25	...	...
...	...	...	...	Dor A. Wings	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Do.	\$22	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chain Entertainment	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constructions	\$4.9	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macintosh	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco	\$3 1/2	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sincere	\$13.70	...	...
...	...	...	...	Watsons	\$12.50	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wm. Powells	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	B. Ind. Govt. Bonds	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loans	\$108	...	...

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"ANHUI"	On 19th Jan.	3 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 19th Jan.	5 p.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TSINAN"	On 21st Jan.	5 p.m.
FOOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 23rd Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 25th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KAIGAN"	On 25th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KWANGTUNG"	On 25th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LIYAN"	On 26th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 27th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TAIYUAN"	On 28th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 29th Jan.	Noon
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STATION	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Remarks	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Remarks
Wladivostok	12	30.02	762.8	6	NW	2	30.30	769.6	1	W	1	...
Nomuro	11	30.01	762.0	...	WNW	3	29.78	766.5	...	W	1	...
Hakodate	...	29.78	766.5	...	W	2	29.90	769.5	...	NW	2	...
Tokio	...	29.90	769.5	...	S	1	30.04	769.0	...	...	0	...
Kochi	...	30.16	769.0	...	NW	1	30.00	769.0	...	...	0	...
Nagasaki	...	30.28	769.0	...	NNW	1	30.28	769.0	...	NW	1	...
Kagoshima	...	30.28	769.0	...	NNE	2	30.24	768.0	...	NE	1	...
Oshima	...	30.28	769.0	...	NNW	3	30.24	768.0	...	NE	1	...
Naha	...	30.28	769.0	...	NNW	3	30.24	768.0	...	NE	1	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.28	769.0	...	NNE	2	30.24	768.0	...	NE	1	...
Bonin Island	...	30.28	769.0	...	W	1	30.16	766.0	...	WNW	1	...
Chesoo	15	30.27	768.8	...	NW	1	30.28	769.1	...	W	1	...
Shanghai	14	30.44	773.2	...	WNW	4	30.44	773.2	...	W	2	...
Gutzlaff	...	30.40	773.7	...	WNW	4	30.46	772.9	...	NNW	2	...
Wenchow	...	30.47	774.0	...	E	2	30.29	769.3	...	NW	4	...
Foochow	...	30.37	771.4	...	E	2	30.28	769.1	...	NW	4	...
Amoy	...	30.28	768.0	...	E	3	30.27	768.8	...	N	8	...
Swatow	...	30.24	768.1	...	SE	2	30.25	768.4	...	E	4	...
Taihou	11	30.42	772.5	...	E	2	30.23	767.9	...	NNE	4	...
Taihu	...	30.39	770.3	...	N	2	30.21	767.2	...	NNE	4	...
Yunnan	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.14	765.6	...	NNE	4	...
Koshun	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.27	768.8	...	N	4	...
Pescadore	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.26	768.6	...	N	1	...
Hong Kong	14	30.26	768.6	...	WSW	2	30.26	768.6	...	NNE	4	...
Gap Rock	...	30.26	768.6	...	NNE	4	30.23	768.8	...	N	1	...
Macao	...	30.26	768.6	...	NNE	4	30.27	768.8	...	NE	8	...
Hoihow	...	30.35	770.9	...	NE	6	30.17	766.3	...	NNE	6	...
Prata Island	...	30.18	768.6	...	NNE	6	30.33	770.3	...	NE	2	...
Phallien	15	30.29	769.3	...	NNE	8	30.15	765.8	...	NNE	4	...
Tourane	...	30.17	766.1	...	NNW	4	29.93	760.3	...	NNW	2	...
Cape St. James	...	29.90	764.0	...	NE	4	30.08	763.9	...	NE	4	...
Basco	14	30.10	761.0	...	NE	4	30.02	762.4	...	NE	4	...
Apurri	...	30.05	761.3	...	NE	4	29.97	761.3	...	...	0	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.98	761.4	...	N	4	29.91	759.8	...	N	0	...
Vigan	...	30.11	764.9	...	NNW	4	29.92	761.0	...	N	0	...
Manila	...	29.89	762.3	...	SW	2	29.91	759.7	...	N	2	...
Legaspi	...	29.87	758.8	...	NE	4	29.91	759.7	...	N	0	...
Calbayog	...	29.85	758.3	...	NE	2	29.88	760.1	...	N	0	...
Tacloban	...	29.87	759.8	...	SW	2	29.80	759.4	...	NE	4	...
Iloilo	...	29.85	758.2	...	N	4	29.87	758.6	...	N	4	...
Cebu	...	29.83	757.8	...	N	4	29.87	758.6	...	ESE	4	...
Surigao	...	29.84	758.0	...	E	4	29.92	759.9	...	ESE	4	...
Saipan	11:00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12:22	29.84	757.9	...	NE	4	29.83	757.7	...	NE	4	...
Yap	11:00	29.82	757.4	...	ENE	4	29.84	757.9	...	ENE	2	...
Pelaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	757.4	...	E	6	...
Latuan	14	29.81	757.2	...	N	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

January 15. 10A. 30m.—The anticyclone remains central over the lower Yangtze Valley. Another has

formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and fresh to strong monsoon over the China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.11

inch, against an average of 0.41 inch.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JANUARY 16.

Forecast: Divergence: N.E. winds, moderate.

1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, moderate.

2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook ... N.W. winds, fresh fine.

3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... N.W. winds, fresh fine.

4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... N.W. winds, fresh fine.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 15.

Barometer ... 30.35 ... 30.30 ... 20.16

Temperature ... 54 ... 58 ... 61

Humidity ... 35 ... 38 ... 50

Wind ... WSW ... ENE ... W

Force ... 1 ... 2 ... 3

Weather ... B ... B ... B

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